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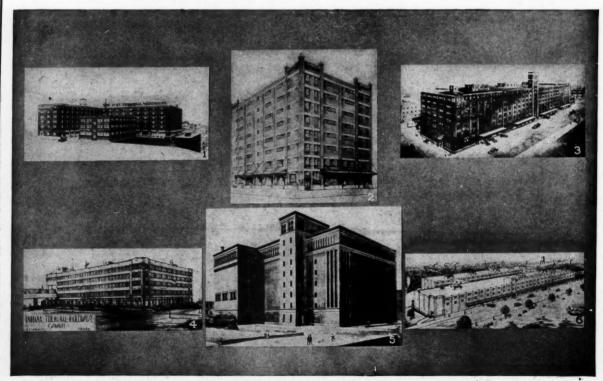


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Stabilizing Long Distance Rates

for Household Goods Transport

Is Objective of N. F. W. A.

Meanwhile Experimental Tariffs for Central States Are Adopted. Here Is Story of Constructive Convention at Augusta

By KENT B. STILES

ISCUSSION of plans for stabilizing—eventually on a national basis if that is practicable—long distance rates for the transport of household goods by motor truck was the outstanding feature of the fifth semi-annual convention of the National Furniture Warehousemen's Association, held in the Bon Air-Vanderbilt Hotel, Augusta, Ga., on Jan. 19-24.

Rules for such tariffs, on the cubic foot basis, were adopted as experimentally standard in the association's central division, comprising the States of Minnesota, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin and Kentucky. The furniture warehouse companies in those States will work under these rates during the coming few months and their value will be studied by the intercity and long distance removals committee with a view to the presentation of a report at the association's annual meeting, to be held at Mackinac Island, Michigan, in July.

The Intercity Removals Bureau began operation on Nov. 1, 1924, and by Jan. 15, 1925, was participated in by 174 of the 250 member companies in the central division. During those approximately eleven weeks 187 loads were registered, 51 being allotted as returns.

According to statements made at the Augusta convention the Bureau should in time stabilize rates, lower tariffs, standardize equipment and build profits for the members. As conditions warrant and facilities permit the operation of the Bureau will be broadened to take in

larger territory. Summarized, the venture was declared to be no longer a theory but was rather one of the most progressive undertakings in the National's history.

The Augusta convention was the first which the N. F. W. A. has held in the Southeast and the election there, by the association's directors, of thirteen more companies brought the membership up to a total of 725.

Reports showed that the furniture branch of the industry looks for a prosperous 1925; based on opinions that business is generally good, that building is unprecedented, that unemployment is relatively small, with the labor situation also otherwise favorable; and based, in the South, in part on the excellent cotton crop.

Features of the convention in addition to the long distance removals situation were as follows:

Cost accounting: A depreciation sheet was adopted. It was brought out that 51 member companies were now using the association's cost and accounting system. It was stated that the next step would be the employing of an accountant, at his own expense, to install the system in warehouses.

Insurance: The building insurance sub-committee announced that it would review all existing forms of such coverage and work out a uniform schedule which should be a composite one designed to effect substantially lower rates.

Leasing dates: The committee handling this situation

reported this problem to be a purely local one, impossible of solution on a national basis, and quoted Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, writing that business and civic groups locally should make a real effort toward alleviating conditions.

Legislation: It was voted to revise the model highway transport bill which the association approved at its Charlevoix convention last summer in order to afford better protection to warehousemen as irregular carriers if and when laws are enacted in the various States.

Traffic: A shipping order and declaration of value form was adopted as standard. A policy was adopted as to C. O. D. shipments. It was voted to have printed and distributed, yearly, an up-to-date pamphlet setting forth the

various actions taken by the association regarding shipments between members, and to have the association's emblem placed on bills of lading. The convention went on record favoring the shipping of wet radio batteries each on an individual bill of lading. Reiteration was by vote given in support of the policy that no member should accept an order for shipment unless the goods are properly packed so they should arrive in good condition.

Publicity: It was decided that a spring issue of Lares and Penates, the association's sales and propaganda magazine designed for distribution to the public, should be issued, possibly under a change of name.

A summarized report of what took place at Augusta follows:

Officers' Reports

WHEN the convention opened, E. B. Gould, San Diego, president, called upon two past N. F. W. A. presidents and a contemporary president for brief talks—Charles S. Morris, New York; Floyd L. Bateman, Chicago; and John G. Neeser, New York, who is president of the household goods division of the American Warehousemen's Association. Mr. Neeser gave assurance of cooperation by that division.

In his report as president Mr. Gould touched upon the various problems confronting the association. Here are some of his thoughts:

The packing rate guide can and should be improved; motion pictures may be made to further it. Selling on contract, eliminating estimating, is "the crime of the industry." It shows, he said, lack of confidence in one's self and in competitors, and leads to cutting rates. The association's long distance removals system has proven a success; the next step is a method of determining rates, on either hundredweight or cubic feet basis. Regarding cost accounting the next move is to secure an accountant, at his own expense, to install the association's system in the member houses; cost finding he declared to be "a major activity" in any institution. The plan for cooperative advertising was not yet a success but should be, he said, and the household goods warehouseman's service should be nationally advertised. next job with relation to insurance is the obtaining of a proper fire rate, possibly through pool activity. Strengthening of regional and local associations must not be overlooked. In friendship and fellowship, Mr. Gould concluded, no other trade association in this country can equal the N. F. W. A., and he urged the members to make "Christianity in business" one of their ideals.

Ralph J. Wood, Chicago, brought out in his report as secretary that the Augusta meeting was in point of attendance the largest winter meeting, with one exception, in the association's history, and he interpreted this loyalty as an indication of members' recognition that the organization was meeting their needs. Mr. Wood reviewed the activities of the past half-year and predicted that the Inter-City Removals Bureau would work out to members' decided advantage if given their full cooperation.

Henry Reimers, Chicago, opened his report as executive secretary by quoting the excess valuation storage resolution which the National adopted at Charlevoix last summer—"that the rate be placed at one-tenth of one per cent. of any amount declared in excess of the \$50 valuation allowed by our storage contracts." In this connection he suggested "that a separate record be kept of the income from excess valuation as well as a record of expenses in excess of the normal valuation on which storage charges are now based, in order that you may learn from actual experience the possible value of such income, losses

From President to Water Boy



"Jay" Gould, San Diego, chief potentate of the N. F. W. A., totes a pail of legal nourishment for throats dry from yelling "Fore!"

thereunder and the adequacy of rates quoted."

The National's uniform cost accounting system, Mr. Reimers reported, is being used in whole or in part by fiftyone member companies, with progress in its installation being further by affiliated regional, State and local associations. "You should not," he said, "overlook the opportunity to utilize a system of accounting that meets your every need and yet is simple and easily installed. If you doubt my statement that

the system is simple and easily installed, challenge me to prove it."

After urging general use of the warehouse receipt and storage order forms, together with more studied attention to careful packing of goods, Mr. Reimers deplored the hesitancy, on the part of some members, to forward shipments collect to so-called smaller members or members located in the smaller cities, adding:

"It goes without saying that the members of this association are reputable business men and there should be no hesitancy in forwarding collect shipments to any member. Also in some instances preference has been given to non-members in consigning shipments. Certainly preference should be given to our members. Reputable non-members should become members in order to enjoy this advantage.

"Many members are not selling our complete shipping service. By complete shipping service I mean the entire job from residence or warehouse at point of origin to residence or warehouse at point of destination. Forwarding warehousemen should sell the customer on having shipments consigned to a member at destination, regardless of whether there are charges following shipment. This is often overlooked and, in fact, cases have come to my notice of customers not even being advised of this association service."

Emphasizing the importance of training estimators to sell warehousing service to customers, Mr. Reimers threw out this thought:

"Why do prospective customers get estimates from two or more concerns? Merely to pit them against one another to get a cut price. Only one can land the job, and under the scheme of price cutting the last estimator gets the job, while under all rules of selling the first man on the job should land the order, and he would were he properly equipped to sell his company's service."

Alluding to the Inter-City Removals Bureau, at present operating in the central division, Mr. Reimers said that 174 out of the 250 members in that region were backing the movement. And "well they might," he commented, "as it means millions of dollars in their pockets, for under the existing priority rule of operation (which is the fundamental law of the Bureau) every member profits pro-

The Bon Air-Vanderbilt Hotel, Augusta, Ga.



In this beautiful southern hostely the N. F. W. A. held its fifth semi-annual meeting

portionately with the amount of business reported through the Bureau."

From Nov. 1, when the Bureau was started, to Jan. 15, 187 loads had been registered, Mr. Reimers said, and 51 of these were allotted as returns. "This favorable showing," he pointed out, "has been achieved during the dull season, all of which is more or less convincing that the movement is well on the road to success."

Citing obstacles which the Bureau must overcome, Mr. Reimers said:

"We must face competition that has sought to meet a public demand by cheap prices and inefficient service, and for this reason alone the Bureau should be operated by members as a unit."

Mr. Reimers said that while he recognized the importance of the association being prepared to meet legislation in order to protect its interests, he believed that the National should not initiate motor transport legislation in the various States. In this connection he went on:

"In so far as inter-city removals are concerned, our interests are as irregular haulers. We should be just as free to operate over the highways as over the city streets. Our cartage business is subsidiary to storage, and motor equipment is used mainly as a feeder to the warehouse, and when not so engaged is utilized for house to house moving, locally or to another city. Our business is not in the same category as strictly cartage business organized primarily as a transportation company, and therefore in classifying a motor transportation company consideration should be given to the peculiar nature of our business."

Alluding to rates, Mr. Reimers said it was imperative that long distance tariffs be stabilized—in the future uniformly on a national basis, but for the present within the central division where the Bureau is operating, as this "will give us an opportunity to test the value of the different methods, and determine from actual experience the method that should be made uniform."

Regional Conditions

R EGIONAL reports were submitted by four vice-presidents—S. C. Blackburn, Kansas City, of the central division; Frank R. Palmateer, Los Angeles, of the western; William I. Ford, Dallas, of the southern, and Walter E. Sweeting, Philadelphia, of the eastern.

In the western division the amount of business transacted during 1924 was about the same as in 1923, Mr. Blackburn reported, with collections much better, and the outlook for 1925 was promising owing to good crops, factories flourishing, industries running to full capacity and "with a quite contented people." Eight of the thirteen States of the division now had State associations, he commented, adding:

"The remarkable thing about these State associations is the new blood we are injecting into the meetings, which we know nothing of in the national associations. It is certainly a fine piece of education to have a well-trained group of young men, who can step into the shoes of those of us who have been more active, and we expect much of them because of this training, which few of us

had before entering association work."

Regretting that "conditions have not improved as we had hoped, which have to do with the maintenance of prices that will earn a fair return on our investments," Mr. Blackburn said that "possibly some time we will learn what our prices should be before a notice is pasted on our doors." He added:

"These price-cutters are the real menace to our industry. They make no money for themselves and do not permit anyone else to do so if they can help it."

Mr. Blackburn reported long distance moving contracts on the increase, a minimum of labor troubles and an absence of complaints regarding unethical practices.

Reporting for the western division, Mr. Palmateer said that in the northern section the furniture storage warehouses were about 80 per cent filled, central about 70 per cent and southern about 60 per cent. In the southern section more than 300,000 square feet were unoccupied, he said, yet six new warehouses were going up.

Reporting for the southern division, Mr. Ford said the South was "extremely prosperous," with prices stabilized for one of the largest cotton crops ever produced. All trade journals were reporting good business generally, and warehousing was getting its proportionate share, he said; building was unprecedented, and labor conditions were good, with very little unemployment.

Reporting for the eastern division, Mr. Sweeting said the storage business was "not exactly booming," having been quiet in 1924, but that there was a feeling of optimism notwithstanding that few warehouses were as nearly filled today as was general at this season, the falling off being attributed in part to a great increase in the construction of homes and apartment buildings. He believed that storage would be "in continued and increasing demand." No real labor difficulties were in sight. During the past few months collections had not been quite up to normal. The biggest problem in the East was that of long distance removals and the inroads on

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A Panorama View of Some of the Delegates Who



the packing departments, he said, and the association's inter-city removals system in the central division was attracting attention as a possible solution in the East.

The report of the legislative committee—Judson M. Davis, Los Angeles, chairman—was presented by Frank Payne of the same city, and covered four divisions, proposed statutes and enacted laws during the past six months.

Eagle Eyes and Steady Arms



Phil Vogelmeier, Newark, Ohio, and W. R. Thomas, Cleveland, winning team in the horse shoe pitching tournament

A convention program topic under this legislative heading was "Is it practical and possible to secure a complete list of contents of packages, drawers, etc., from party storing goods?" Varying opinions were expressed from the floor, with the majority opinion being in the negative. Another question discussed was "In case of a warehouse fire, how can a warehouseman prove no negligence on his part," and this brought opinion by Mr. Ford that some day warehousemen would themselves carry insurance on contents, getting their money

back through storage charges; he disclosed that he was carrying \$10,000 worth of such coverage in connection with his own business.

Long Distance Removals

DISCUSSING the problem, "Should members initiate or meet motor transport legislation?", Mr. Reimers said they should "by all means stay away from it, but, if forced into the situation, be prepared to meet it."

S. S. David, Chicago, chairman of the inter-city and long distance removals committee, announced that the Removals Bureau was not in favor of the text of the model motor transport bill, which the association approved in principle at the Charlevoix convention last July. He urged the National to work for a bill requiring, not a certificate of public convenience and necessity for a member, but for one requiring the filing of a tariff from which the filer could not by law deviate. This would, he said, allow competion, but would prevent price cutting.

Mr. Ford pointed out that the Legislatures of thirty-four States were now meeting, and that some sort of statute for regulating motor transport was today before virtually all of them. Both he and Mr. David favored an inter-State reciprocal relations clause being written into any legislation favorable to motor transport interests.

Discussion brought out that in California, New Jersey and Oregon interests are at work on bills which would regulate irregular haulers, and President Gould expressed opinion that the David committee should get hold of these proposed texts.

Mr. David believed the National should select the best features of the model bill approved at Charlevoix and prepare a new bill, and President Gould indorsed that suggestion, saying such a bill would serve as a guide, in proper language, to cover what warehousemen would want in the several States.

Later in the convention Mr. David and Mr. Ford presented a clause which the association approved as something which should go into the revised model bill which the David committee will prepare. This clause reads:

"Provided that the regulation of 'motor carriers' prescribed herein shall now apply to private carriers making occasional trips for hire without designated routes or schedules as to time or place; except that such carrier, if he be a carrier of passengers, shall comply with the insurance and bond provisions herein; and whether a carrier of passengers or freight, he shall comply with the regulations herein prescribed or that may hereafter be prescribed by the (regulating body) as to size of vehicle and equipment thereof, weight of load and road use. Provided further that whether such

Here Is Ty Cobb Himself



Famous Detroit baseball manager, a native Georgian, umpired the horseshoe pitching contest

a carrier is a private carrier or a common carrier as herein defined shall be a question of fact and may be determined by (regulating body) under such rules and regulations as it may prescribe.

Mr. David, pointing out that the motor truck had cut the warehouseman's packing revenue and would do so more and more as the truck became more popular with the development of hard roads, alluded to the fact that "return loads" bureaus were springing up which were not identified with the N. F. W. A., and

Attended the N. F. W. A. Convention in Augusta



he expressed gratification that among the National's members in Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit and Kansas City the enrollment in the association's inter-city removals Bureau was now 100 per cent.

In his formal report as chairman of his committee, Mr. David described in detail the operation of the Bureau—as set down in the December, 1924, issue of Distribution & Warehousing—and added:

"That the Bureau fills a need that has

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been keenly felt in the industry is fully proved by the reception it has received. The response has been spontaneous, almost unanimous. . . .

"The Bureau has met with no opposition, no antagonism, no unfriendliness. There has been some slight hesitation among N. F. W. A. members in Ohio. This is due possibly to misunderstandings regarding the Ohio law, or possibly restrictions imposed by the Public Utilities Commission. Some members in that State refer to the prohibition under their tariffs against rebates or refunds. In the judgment of the committee the share

of the proceeds on return loads which is paid to another operator is in no sense a rebate or refund to the customer, as construed by the Commission regulations."

After outlining what the Bureau had accomplished, Mr. David looked into the future, saying:

future, saying:
"The Bureau will help to stabilize rates. It will help to prevent rate-cutting. When an order is registered with the Bureau, the rate must be named. There is no secrecy, no chances of rebates, for the other man may do the work and collect the charges. The flagrant cutter will be ashamed to quote too low rate and report that cut-rate to the Bureau. Yet he is under obligations and upon honor, by the term of his enrollment, to register all long distance moving with the Bureau.

"The Bureau will help to lower rates by decreasing idle time, for all present existing rates are based on idle time. It will help to meet the competition of independent companies, who undersell our members through their own ability to obtain return loads. The question of rates was one of the first to puzzle the Bureau. The members asked: 'What rates shall we charge?' All such were directed to quote their regular prevailing rates, whatever they might be, until standard rates could be advised and recommended.

"The Bureau will help to standardize equipment. It will help to elevate the standard of those members whose equipment is not up to the ideals of N. F. W. A. membership.

"The Bureau will enable members who heretofore have not cared for long distance work to do or take orders for their legitimate share of this work, at a legitimate profit.

"The Bureau will make money for warehousemen. It will save money for warehouseman. It will prove a national economy. It will make one truck on the road do the work of two, saving the roadways and conserving gasoline. It will do its bit to keep down taxes and the price of gasoline for all.

"The Bureau will be extended to other territories as conditions warrant and its own facilities permit. It will perfect its plan and methods of operations in the present limited territory and then be

better qualified to serve a larger territory. It is a movement for the future as well as the present, and every member should watch its progress. The State that is in the mud today will boast of its roads within a decade.

"Impress upon yourself, your managers and your clerks, the necessity of reporting each and every load over fifty miles. Get the widest choice of dates you possibly can. Bear always in mind that the more loads that are reported,

"Are Ye There, Denny?"
"Oi Am, Jim"



James F. Keenan and D. F. Shanahan, both of Pittsburgh

the more loads will be matched. And the more loads you report, the more return loads you will get, by the simple operation of the law of averages. The Bureau gives you a chance to whip cutthroat competition, by standing shoulder to shoulder as real conversions."

to shoulder as real cooperators."

There was discussion of "Under what conditions may the Bureau be extended to other sections?" Mr. David explaining that the Bureau was feeling its way and was preparing to extend the system, either State by State or group by group, and that New York, for instance, could without extra cost be covered by the

Some Northerners and Westerners in the Sunny South





Group at left shows that the Augusta convention was not a "stag." In group at right, the three men at the right end in foreground are James F. Keenan, Pittsburgh, N. F. W. A. treasurer; E. B. Gould, San Diego, N. F. W. A. president, and William R. Wood, New York, president of the New York Furniture Warehousemen's Association

Bureau's headquarters in Chicago. Asked as to how warehousemen who did not operate trucks would benefit, Mr. David explained that such warehousemen should take all orders possible and would receive 15 per cent commission, the loads being handled by members operating vehicles.

President Gould said the venture was a practical one—no longer a theory but one of the most progressive steps the National had taken, and he emphasized that when the system became nationally operated it would possess an advertising value nationally. He suggested that the David committee send a form of enrollment blank to members in the western, southern and eastern divisions as a means of determining whether they wanted the system extended.

Inter-City Rates

THE central division delegates present—those from Minnesota, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin and Kentucky—voted to try out, as standard, rules and basis for long distance moving rates for household goods transport. (These are set down in full on page 13.) Within Ohio, however, these rates may not be at all times operative because of the warehousemen there being under Public Utilities Commission control.

Rules and basis were presented in the report of the association's rates committee, of which Julian M. Gibson, St. Louis, is chairman, and they were worked out in cooperation with the David inter-city removals committee. These will be in effect experimentally in the central division States, Ohio possibly excepted, and the Gibson committee will at the July convention present a new report based on the results of the trial.

Last December the Gibson committee sent a questionnaire to all N. F. W. A. members requesting information as to inter-city rates and received 125 replies. Mr. Gibson said in his report:

"Compiling such questionnaires as were returned, we find that throughout the West, and in Ohio and California,

there appears to be a sincere effort to standardize long distance rates on a scientific basis. Your committee is not yet prepared to say that California has adopted the perfect scientific principle of rate making; or that Ohio has solved the problem; or that the East has arrived at the acme of perfection. We do say that California may now be setting the pace on rate making that we may later turn to as standard, and we give Ohio credit for adopting a basis of rates which may yet be combined with the California system and become an N. F. W. A. standard, and we emphasize the belief that the time has not yet arrived for long distance moving of household goods to be done on either the hundredweight basis or the cubic foot basis."

Mr. Gibson cited figures, taken from the returned questionnaires, showing predominating flat rates as at present charged by representative firms in the central division. These range from \$50 to \$60 for 60 miles, up to from \$350 to \$375 for 578 miles.

Analysis of the questionnaires gave Mr. Gibson the following pertinent infor-

1. Eighty per cent of the reporting members cited increase in long distance moving business; 20 per cent cited decrease.

Ninety-five per cent desire adoption of a standard basis of rates by the association.

3. Twenty-five per cent advise that rates generally be increased.

4. Ninety-eight per cent state that low competitive rates are the cause of their own low tariffs, but blame the low-competition rates on non-members in the majority of cases.

5. Opinions range from 3 to 50 miles as to what should be minimum mileage considered as long distance.

6. Ninety per cent desire limited liability, while a few want to be released from all liability except such damage as results from negligence of carrier.

Mr. Gibson presented a table indicating that were the proposed standard rates put into effect in the central division they would be nearly equal to, or

slightly in excess of, the maximum long distance tariffs now being quoted between various cities within that division. The committee's report continued:

"The rates committee are of the opinion that the proposed schedule of rates will meet with less opposition in the central division than any other form or system now in use either in the East, in Ohio or in California, because it is nearer to the method or system now in vogue in the central division than either of the other systems.

"In California the hundredweight basis is used under the supervision of a Public Service Commission. In Ohio the basis is the cubic foot, with a charge for loading and unloading on the hour basis, and under a Public Utilities Commission. In the East the system is similar to that of Ohio, except that the charge for loading and unloading is a flat charge, in most cases \$10.

"Were all the States in the central division to work under a uniform law and under Public Service Commissions your rates committee would be inclined to recommend either the California or Ohio system, but when it is considered that we cannot compel our members to adopt our recommendations (and we have no desire so to do), we are of the opinion that the majority of the representative concerns will be willing to try out a basis of rates that will vary but slightly from the basis now most generally in use."

Mr. Gibson explained that the western members—Milo W. Bekins, Los Angeles, and Reed J. Bekins, San Francisco—of his committee strongly favored the adoption of the hundredweight basis, inasmuch as it had worked out to good advantage over a period of years in California, but—

"These have subscribed to this report, realizing that it is necessary to get immediate standardization of rate charging in the central district."

In reply to a contention that a loading and unloading charge should be considered in the proposed rates, Mr. David told the convention that the minimum rate set down on the Gibson schedule was large enough to cover such a charge.

Rules and Basis for Long Distance Moving Rates for Household Goods

Adopted as Experimentally Standard in the Central Division of the National Furniture Warehousemen's Association

Loads of 400 to 1000 cu. ft.-

\$1.00 per mile for first 50 miles

Loads of more than 1000 cu. ft.-

\$1.20 per mile for first 50 miles

For Each Additional Mile:

Loads of 400 to 650 cu. ft.....\$.65 per mile Loads of more than 650 up to 850

1000 cu. ft. 1.00 per mile

Loads of more than 1000 up to

1200 cu. ft. 1.20 per mile

Larger loads in proportion.

Foregoing rates are for trips on main highways and improved roads.

\$4 per hour additional to be charged while traveling over unimproved roads.

\$4 per hour additional for loading and unloading when above third floor.

Piano hoisting extra—at local rates.

Note:

At these rates, the longer the distance, the lower net total rate per mile; thus—

50 miles, \$50.00, which equals \$1.00 per mile

100 miles, 62.50, which equals .825 per mile 200 miles, 147.50, which equals .737 per mile

500 miles, 342.50, which equals .685 per mile 1000 miles, 667.50, which equals .667 per mile

The foregoing figures are based on loads of 400 to 650 cu. feet capacity. A truck can travel on the hard roads about 150 miles per day (12 hours).

These rates will thus earn about \$45 to \$50 per day, which leading men in the industry now consider a good gross revenue for long distance moving.

Shipping Order

THE convention adopted as standard a "shipping order and declaration of value" form (illustrated herewith) presented by the traffic committee, of which David Bowes, Chicago, is chairman.

Such a form was originally presented at the Houston convention in January, 1924, and was discussed at Charlevoix last July. Criticisms and changes were advanced, with the result that the document now adopted is an improvement over the earlier one. Mr. Bowes explained:

"The paragraph in the original form covering 'Liability of Warehousemen' has been eliminated for the reason that this liability is not uniform and is a stipulation for a warehouse contract rather than for a shipping order.

"Space has been provided to designate shipment by 'motor van.' When that form of service is desired, the thought is that the cost and conditions may be filled in on the blank lines at the foot of the front page.

"No change has been made on the back of the order.

"As previously explained, the committee was instructed to prepare a form that would show the bases of rates applying on the various valuations of the goods. That mandate has been carried out by actual quotations from authentic railroad documents, with explanations and examples submitted by your committee. Criticisms have been made that this section of the form is too technical and complicated for ordinary use. A study of the tabulated quotations from the railroad classification might be helpful to us all

"The point to be especially noted, however, is that if we do not wish to utilize the information on the back of the order, we can ignore it entirely, as all of the essentials of the shipping contract appear on its face."

Regarding liability for payment of freight charges, Mr. Bowes' report quoted from correspondence had with railway attorneys. He concluded:

"While it was thought that there was a possibility that some way might be

A Lawyer and His Adviser



Mr. and Mrs. William I. Ford, Dallas

found to relieve the warehouseman from the payment of freight charges under certain conditions which might seem unfair, the opinion of the railway counsel, as handed down to us, simply confirms previous statements to the effect that, failing to collect its legal charges from the consignee, the railroad company is entitled to collect the whole or any balance due from the consignor."

Mr. Bowes said that other correspond-

ence had developed that there was no uniformity of practice, by the railways, regarding claims for concealed damages, but that that correspondence "does indicate that the furniture warehouse industry may expect to be placed on a parity with other commercial industries."

Mr. Bowes urged "cooperation and friendly intercourse with the railroads and particularly with local railroad agents," with a view to bring about better results in cases involving claims for concealed damages.

Regarding shipments of radio outfits, the Bowes committee recommended that "a radio battery should under no circumstances be forwarded in a carload lot, and, if handled in connection with an L. C. L. shipment, the radio battery and outfit should be billed on a separate bill of lading, properly described, and with railroad company's special charges assessed thereon."

Mr. Bowes alluded to trouble caused to some receiving warehousemen through having to surrender to the railroad company the original bills of lading, particularly order bills of lading, when taking possession of goods, "thus leaving the receiving warehouseman without a means of properly checking the items as they may appear on the expense bills, which are frequently illegible and sometimes at variance with the descriptions and number of articles specified in the bill of lading."

"One way to meet this difficulty," Mr. Bowes said, "is for the forwarding warehouseman to send the destination warehouseman an itemized list of the articles shipped. Another plan is to obtain from the railroad at point of origin an extra copy of the memorandum bill of lading. Railroad agents as a rule are provided with extra blanks for this purpose. We find that many of the railroads are hav-

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Obverse and reverse sides of "Shipping Order and Declaration of Value" form which was adopted by N. F. W. A. at Augusta convention

ing their supplies of bills of lading made up in a form that will meet this requirement, which is frequently called for by shippers in other lines of business.

"Another suggestion is that this association might arrange to print bills of lading consisting of one original, one shipping order and two memorandum copies, making four to a set instead of three, as is commonly provided.

"It is further suggested that the emblem of this association be printed on these blanks and furnished to members at cost. The advertising feature of this proposal would, we believe, be worth a good deal to the association and to the members using these special forms."

Better Packing

THE progress of the campaign being conducted by the American Railway Association, in cooperation with public warehousing, for proper packing of shipments of household goods, was described in an address by A. L. Green, Chicago, special representative of the A. R. A.'s committee on freight claim prevention. He said in part:

"Although claims paid on household goods increased about 5 per cent in 1924 over 1923, and the number of carloads originated and received from connecting carriers dropped from 130,088 to 122,000 cars (with last quarter of 1924 estimated), we feel confident that conditions causing these claims are showing a definite trend toward betterment.

"The total amount paid by the carriers in 1924 on household goods claims, estimating the last two months, was \$665,000, or \$29,000 more than in 1923. Carload traffic accounted for approximately 47 per cent, or \$313,000, and l. c. l. 53 per cent, or \$352,000.

"We are encouraged to believe definite improvement is in sight, first because the year 1924 opened with monthly increases as high as 24 per cent and closed with monthly reductions of 10 per cent; and, secondly, as a cumulative result of the cooperative campaigns our respective associations have been running, there has never been before so much interest in the proper preparation of household goods for transportation.

"So far as the railways are concerned, the local freight agent is the key to all progress in the prevention of damage to household goods. If he sees his opportunity to save money for the railroad by turning down shipments improperly prepared, and by recommending to shippers the services of expert packers, the problem will be well on the road to a solution."

Mr. Green told about the "better packing" campaign conducted last September and declared that it "produced some good results." He outlined some startling instances of goods being offered, improperly prepared for shipment, to the carriers, and commented that "amateur packing still stands out as one of the chief causes of damage." Taking up Mr. Bowes' point of cooperation between

warehousemen and local freight agents, Mr. Green said:

"Two suggestions occur to us. One, that where warehousemen are organized locally, the freight agents' association be invited to attend one of your meetings for a round-table discussion of these questions. It will be suggested that a similar invitation be extended to warehousemen by freight agents. Second, a short itemized statement of what the warehousemen consider standard packing for articles more commonly shipped as household goods could be used by freight agents to advantage. We do not think that any changes in the Classification rules are called for, but can see how a conservative standard packing schedule compiled by recognized experts would assist agents in giving uniform and safe advice to shippers."

Mr. Green said an investigation was now under way looking toward improvement in crating practices, especially in the method of fastening heavy pieces in crates and in diagonal bracing of large crates.

In connection with the better packing situation the N. F. W. A. again went on record, on motion by Charles S. Morris, New York, as agreeing that no association member accept an order for shipment unless the goods be properly protected so that the shipment should arrive in good condition.

On motion by Walter E. Sweeting, Philadelphia, it was voted that the section of Mr. Green's address alluding to

Some More Snapshops by "Andy" Murray of "D. & W."



Charles S. Morris, New York, past president of N. F. W. A.



T. J. Skellet, Minneapolis, an N. F. W. A. d'rector



Willard Eldredge, Atlantic City, president, N. J. F. W. A.

"amateur packing" be printed in circular form by the associations and sold to the members at cost for distribution to customers.

In connection with points brought up in the Bowes report and the Green address, the convention took action in several ways besides adopting the shipping order and declaration of value form.

One action was the result of discussion of a program subject—"Should it not be a rule that the C. O. D. bills of shipping warehousemen be paid by corresponding consignee warehouse immediately upon the acceptance by or payment by the consignee?" After various delegates had expressed opinions, F. R. Wells, Savannah, offered a motion in three parts, two of which the convention adopted. Mr. Wells made these suggestions:

1. When the consignee warehouseman collects the correspondent's charges, remittance should be made within five days. The convention adopted this as future practice by members.

2. If the consignee warehouseman places goods in storage for a corresponding warehouseman because of being unable to collect charges, the consignee warehouseman need not remit until he can either collect from the owner of the goods or definitely arrange with the owner for the payment of the bill. This motion was defeated by vote.

3. In case the consignee warehouseman contracts with the owner to place the incoming goods in storage, the consignee warehouseman should remit within five days to corresponding warehouseman. This was adopted as association practice.

Commenting on this situation, S. S. David, Chicago, said the N. F. W. A. was in need of a "codified law" covering such actions, past, present and future. He moved that the board of directors be directed to prepare such a code, to be revised from time to time as might be



Edward T. Jenkins and A. M. Fleming, Brooklyn

necessary, for distribution each year. The convention so voted.

The delegates approved also a suggestion that the N. F. W. A. emblem be on bills of lading, the latter to be distributed from the secretary's office in Chicago.

After discussion of the problem "Danger in shipping radio batteries," the convention adopted a motion, adopted by Lee Orcutt, St. Louis, that wet radio batteries be shipped on separate bills of lading.

Cost Finding—Leasing Dates

11 PRICE Cutting and Cutters" was the subject of talks by S. S. David, Chicago, and Charles S. Morris, New York.

Mr. David characterized price cutting as "a cancer which eats into the vitals of every industry," declaring that "when the disease has run its course, the industry has no backbone left." He emphasized that educating the public must be kept constantly in mind.

The contribution by Mr. Morris was the reading of a paper which he delivered on the subject, "The Business Anarchist," before the Illinois Furniture Warehousemen's Association in 1913. The points then brought out proved to be applicable to conditions today.

The National's cost finding system was reported on by Martin H. Kennelly, Chicago, and William R. Wood, New York, respectively chairman and vice-chairman of the costs and accounting committee. Opinions were expressed that the members were beginning to realize the benefits of the system.

James H. Hoeveler, Pittsburgh, presented a depreciation sheet for use in connection with cost finding. He explained in detail how the use of this document would enable warehousemen to cut down their Federal income taxes. The depreciation sheet, illustrated herewith, was adopted by the convention.

As chairman of the membership committee, Charles S. Morris, New York, made a plea for help in obtaining "quality" membership hereafter, instead of support for any effort to develop numerical strength only.

The leading dates committee—James L. McAuliff, Chicago, chairman—presented a careful analytical report regarding the situation involving the system of fixed leasing dates in the cities where that system prevails, and reported

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Depreciation sheet, for use in connection with cost finding, adopted by the N. F. W. A. at the Augusta convention

its opinion that it was not possible at this time to ameliorate the situation.

"Our inevitable conclusion," Mr. Mc-Auliff said, "is that the system, vicious as it is, is here to stay. We do not think that its abandonment will ever be possible, or is ever to be hoped for. For the manifest evils that the system gives rise to, we must find some other remedy. Perhaps it shall be found in further rate increases; perhaps it shall be found in the amalgamation of all moving equipment in a given city, to effect economies in operation which may permit operation at a profit.

"This is purely a local problem, and we offer, in support of our contention, no less than authority than Herbert Hoover, Secretatry of Commerce, who in a letter to one of the members of this committee

made this statement:

"'Without attempting to evaluate any advantages a single leasing date for any type of property may have, there is obvious waste and inconvenience in many of our cities to tenants, landlords, moving and warehousemen, and others from too great use of a single leasing date.

"'In cities where such loss and confusion are apparent, I believe it worth while for business and civic groups to make a real effort to find some satisfactory method for alleviating conditions. I believe it is yet too early to generalize as to what remedies may be found best, and that each city would do best to search for a solution of its own local conditions,"

Mr. McAuliff summarized three methods which warehousemen in various parts of the country have used, unavail-

ingly, to effect a change:

"1. General education of the general public by literature, newspaper articles, radio talks, discussions and publications of the commerce associations and other deliberative bodies. These, in Chicago at least, have proved of little avail in effecting the purpose for which they were intended.

"2. Pressure exerted upon the owners of property by real estate associations and the demands of the tenants. These

have proved utterly futile. "3. Pressure exerted upon the tenants by a 50 per cent increase in the moving rates during the peak periods, designed to drive the tenants in a widespread demand for leases which will take them out of this peak period. This has proved not only futile, but has also operated somewhat as a boomerang, for we found that hundreds of tenants figured that it was cheaper to remain in the apartments, even at higher rentals, than to pay the increased moving costs.'

Addressing the delegates from cities where the fixed leasing system is not in

operation, Mr. McAuliff said:

"Do not permit it to gain a foothold. Fight it as you would the pestilence. Once it has fastened its talons in the life of your community, all of the evils we have enumerated herein will follow. and all the organized effort of all the civic forces of your community will not avail to loosen its grip.

Mr. McAuliff said he knew of no more effective method of placing the problem of peak business before the convention than by presenting a graph (illustrated herewith) of the business of the Jackson

Storage & Van Co., Chicago.

"The Jackson company operates the largest moving equipment in Chicago and is as good an executive organization as any," he said. "This graph will illustrate what is going on in Chicago every year. It will pay you to study it and to note how, year after year, our business rises to a peak on May 1 and October 1 and falls to a dead level almost immediately thereafter."

E. T. Jenkins, Brooklyn, described the new van system installed by the Long Island Storage Warehouses, of which he is president. This system is the subject of an article beginning on page 34.

Construction-Publicity

IN his report as chairman of the committee on warehouse construction and operation, Willard Eldredge, Atlantic City, N. J., touched upon such fundamentals as site, material, architecture, attractiveness, refrigeration vault, access room, open and room storage, elevators, packing room, ceiling height, general labor conditions, wages, and materials costs.

His report showed that hourly wages in current building trades in twenty-one American and Canadian cities range from \$1 to \$1.75 for bricklayers, 35 cents to \$1.50 for carpenters, 70 cents to \$1.671/2 for hoisting engineers, 40 cents to \$1.25 for hod carriers, 50 cents to \$1.50 for pile drivers, 65 cents to \$1.371/2 for structural iron workers and 24 to 871/2 cents for common labor. He declared that "the upward trend in materials prices continues." Looking ahead, he said:

"It is always difficult to forecast the future, but there is every indication that 1925 will be a good building year. The baromoter of American activity—the stock market—has already spoken. It is the pendulum that swings the American clock of industry, and there is now a calm feeling prevailing that business will not be artificially disturbed.

"The settled state of the labor situation, together with the stabilization of the materials market, will combine in the maintenance of the high record of building operations. While construction may not reach the peak of 1924, still with the shortage revealed last year yet to be overcome before a normal basis is reached, we look forward to a good building year, and your committee believes that if any of our members have held off building new warehouses until better times arrived, it will be a mistake not to go ahead at this time. Mortgage money is easier than it has been in some time. rates being lower than in some preceding years, and there seems to be a feeling that they may go even lower. It seems to be the consensus of opinion that an owner can make better arrangements today than he could expect for some time to come.

In connection with operation, Mr. Eldredge said the committee had prepared "a Book of Forms covering methods in the receipt and delivery of household goods, along with illustrated forms, and this book was to be approved by the association's uniform methods committee, of which S. C. Blackburn, Kansas City, is chairman, and would be distributed probably at the annual conven-

tion in July.

Walter E. Sweeting, Philadelphia, in his report as chairman of the publicity committee, alluded to Lares and Penates, the association's seasonal magazine designed to tell the household goods storage story-and the National's story-to the public. Mr. Sweeting believed the idea of providing such a publication was a sound one, notwithstanding the relative lack of support by many of the members, and declared that some of the members desired a new issue.

There was some discussion to the effect that the magazine's name was not "selling" itself to the public. F. L. Bateman, Chicago, suggested "Stories of Storage" as a new name and that the committee circularize the members, to learn whether they would agree to absorb a spring issue of 50,000 copies.

On motion by W. I. Ford, Dallas, a questionnaire along that line will be sent to the members, who will be asked also whether they want the magazine's name changed.

Regarding the publicity committee's cooperative advertising plans, Mr. Sweeting said only twenty-five members had indicated active interest; for these a modified service may be provided by the committee.

Insurance

INTRODUCING the subject of insurance, Milo W. Bekins, Los Angeles, chairman of the committee handling that problem, announced that a new subcommittee had been created—a division of accident prevention insurance with L. L. Leonard, St. Louis, at its head. Mr. Bekins explained:

"It is hoped that much good can be accomplished in the way of reducing or preventing accidents, both as they refer to compensation insurance, motor truck insurance and fire insurance.

"Insurance always creates a position for the professional firebug, who makes a business of starting fires for the collecting of insurance when business is bad. The question of arson many times is difficult to prove but a large proportion of the fires termed 'unknown causes' can be attributed to this practice.

"Perhaps if the legitimate business man realized he was paying for losses of this kind he would directly interest himself more in insurance matters. I am sure that the accident prevention committee will be able to accomplish a great good in sending out bulletins, giving out general publicity in the way of preventing motor truck accidents and reducing carelessness of workmen."

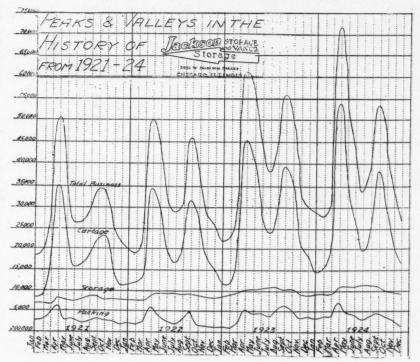
Alluding to automobile insurance, handled by a sub-committee headed by A. H. Hollander, Chicago, Mr. Bekins quoted from a letter from Mr. Hollander expressing opinion in connection with such coverage quantity buying is the only wedge that will open the independent way insurance companies are now doing business. "I believe," Mr. Hollander added in his letter, "that the industry is strong enough to carry its own insurance in all branches, thereby materially reducing the rate."

The Cass & Johansing all-liability insurance policy which has been indorsed by the National and by the Pacific Coast Furniture Warehousemen's Association was explained to the convention in detail by F. B. Cramer, Los Angeles, representing the insurance firm of Cass & Johansing of that city.

As head of the building insurance subcommittee, Ernest H. Milligan, New York, outlined the work ahead.

"It will be our endeavor," he said, "to review all of the various forms of schedules now in use throughout the country and to recommend a uniform schedule which should be a consolidation of the advantages of all the schedules. This schedule then should produce substantially lower rates and at the same time the uniformity should impress the rating organizations with the fairness of our

Ups and Downs of Furniture Moving



"It will pay you to study this graph and to note how, year after year, our business rises to a peak on May 1 and Oct. 1 and falls to a dead level immediately thereafter."—James L. McAuliff, Chicago, in his report as chairman of the N. F. W. A. leasing dates committee

position and distribute the actual cost of insurance to the warehouse industry more evenly throughout the country.

"This is an extremely large undertaking and one that will require full cooperation from every member. It will be necessary for us to have actual information as to the amount of insurance carried on the building, the premiums paid, and the losses collected, from the majority of the members, covering a period of at least five years and, if possible, ten."

Mr. Milligan held out as being possibly attractive to the members a form of warehousemen's income insurance written during the past year by Howard S. Tierney, Inc., New York, for the New York Furniture Warehousemen's Association. With this coverage, he said, it is easier for a warehouseman to interest financial capital in replacing a plant destroyed by fire.

Labor

THE report of the committee on industrial relations—Harvey B. Lyon, Los Angeles, chairman—cited some interesting statistics based on returns from questionnaires sent to members.

Of 210 replying to an inquiry regarding bonus systems for employees, 52 said they had tried such systems and 23 of these reported them "unsatisfactory"; opinions were conflicting as to whether they stimulated better work. Of 17 who

had tried the stock ownership plan, 7 said results were not satisfactory.

Thirty-two members reported trying group insurance and 5 of these said it was unsatisfactory.

Seventeen per cent of reporting members said they operated on strictly union plan, 12 per cent on the American plan, 71 per cent on the open shop plan.

The 210 reporting members employ, the Lyon report shows, 642 warehousemen, 670 packers, 1834 drivers and 1640 helpers. Of these employees, 10 per cent work eight hours a day, 64 per cent work nine hours a day and 26 per cent work ten hours a day.

Of these employees, 11 per cent of the warehousemen, 13 per cent of the packers, 19 per cent of the drivers and 29 per cent of the helpers receive a weekly wage of less than \$25. Other weekly wage figures compiled are as follows:

\$25-\$29—warehousemen 15 per cent, packers 12 per cent, drivers 19 per cent, helpers 31 per cent.

\$30-\$34—warehousemen 37 per cent, packers 33 per cent, drivers 27 per cent, helpers 22 per cent.

\$35-\$39—warehousemen 20 per cent, packers 28 per cent, drivers 23 per cent, helpers 14 per cent.

\$40 or more—warehousemen 17 per cent, packers 14 per cent, drivers 12 per cent, helpers 4 per cent.

The report brought out that Detroit warehousemen pay the highest wage

scale and Montgomery, Ala., the lowest.
Mr. Lyon told "what a working man wants"—

- 1. A steady job.
- 2. Fair wages.
- 3. Good foremen who have executive ability and who take personal interest in the men and in developing their loyalty.
- 4. Satisfactory working conditions physical ones such as ample ventilation, good light, modern equipment, etc.

An Ancient Problem

THE familiar bugaboo, the bug called the moth, came in for the customary volume of convention discussion, talks being made by Dr. E. A. Back of the Bureau of Entomology of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; T. W. Orcutt, St. Louis; and Edward E. Mohr, Chicago, of the Enoz Chemical Co. Louis B. Cooper of the Larvex Corporation, Brooklyn, filed with the secretary a paper outlining his company's products.

Dr. Back showed numerous exhibits of clothing, brushes, etc., which moths had infested, and explained the preventive work which the Department of Agriculture is carrying on. It was brought out that the government official will assist the Security Storage Co., Washington, D. C., in an early experiment of fumigating an entire warehouse.

Mr. Orcutt made formal announcement to the industry regarding the Orcutt Vacuum Systems, Inc.—moth, fire and damp proof storage compartments which he has invented, designed to destroy moth eggs, moth larvæ, adult moths and other injurious insects "without the use of destructive chemical preparations and dangerous gases." He stated that the Department of Agriculture had investigated the system and had given its indorsement, and Dr. Back in his talk confirmed this.

Mr. Orcutt said that his own installation had cost him about \$4,000 thus far, and further experiments were being carried on. No arrangements had yet been made for general installations of the compartments in other warehouses, he explained, and no price had been fixed, but announcements would be made in due time.

Mr. Cooper explained what "larvex" is, declaring that "used in conjunction with any approved method of extermination it will afford what amounts to a two-fold protection in that the egg and larvae are destroyed by the extermination process, and by the proper application of larvex reinfestation cannot occur."

Estimating

A PAPER, "How to Make Better Estimates and Better Estimators," by Henry M. Burgeson, Los Angeles, head of the standard packing and estimating division of the uniform methods committee, was read by S. C. Blakburn, Kansas City, chairman of the latter committee, Mr. Burgeson not being in attendance.

Declaring that the furniture warehouseman "holds a key place" in the lives of families which "in a most real sense must trust blindly to the packer and shipper of household goods," Mr. Burgeson said:

"There can be no side-stepping this responsibility—no dodging of the facts and issues involved. The furniture warehouseman's service is either worthy or unworthy, either good or bad. There can be no middle ground, no straddling space of divided responsibility. And the judge and jury, the court of last resort, by whose judgments the mover must abide as to the dependability of his service, is—the family who moves.

"The net of this whole matter is, then, that service is the sum total of what we have to sell. And not 'eye-service.' Rather it is a service which must be rendered when the eye of the customer is not looking—when the confidence of the client is blindly reposed in our integrity, intelligence and ability.

"Is not this an opportunity worthy of the most intensive effort in the endeavor to excel in the character of service? There can be but one answer. It must be the affirmative.

"Literally, then, the life of the honestminded man who is engaged in the occupation of a furniture warehouseman is a life of service. And none but men who are well prepared by honesty of purpose, liking for the occupation and ruggedness of character should approach this job of estimator or salesman in this particular line of endeavor."

If the warehousing business is to flourish, "the service must be sold, and sold at a profit," Mr. Burgeson said, adding:

"How to exchange this service for money—at a profit—how to win customers and hold them—is a study that must be undertaken for serious mind and determination to succeed, if the warehouseman has any hope of becoming proficient and of building a customer list that will yield him both satisfaction and a goodly income."

The estimator or salesman should possess, Mr. Burgeson said—

- "A fair knowledge of the technical details of the business of packing and shipping furniture and other household goods.
- 2. "Some dependable knowledge of transportation methods, of railway and steamship lines, and be able intelligently to answer offhand simple questions put to him by customers concerning such transportation.
- 3. "A practical knowledge of his country, as to geographical locations of cities, climatic conditions in various sections, altitudes, industries, etc.
- 4. "The indispensability of what was referred to by Theodore Roosevelt as 'guts.' More than backbone. More than determination. More than high purpose. It is the ability to 'stay put.' To stand up and fight when occasion requires, without backing down an inch.

"Loyalty. Integrity. Cleanliness.
 Self reliance. Courtesy."
 Deploring the practice in some sec-

tions, of giving estimates equivalent to "guess-timates," Mr. Burgeson said it was due to ignorance of costs of doing business and had "naturally and easily led to the pernicious, unethical and entirely foolish habit of price cutting in the mad effort to keep competitors from landing orders." He went on:

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"The salesman in this industry should be well versed in cost knowledge before he undertakes to estimate the cost of rendering a service to the customer. With the customer the salesman's word is final. The salesman is responsible (in the eyes of the customer) for faithful performance from the time a price is agreed upon until the goods are delivered at destination. If the final bill rendered exceeds in the amount the agreed-upon price, the customer gets the impression that he has been cheated deliberately, and he will blame the salesman who quoted the price and who made the agreement on behalf of his company.

"The very essence of business building for the furniture warehouseman is that the customer be satisfied, not alone with the service rendered, but also with the treatment he receives on the financial transaction. Without customers there can be no business, and without satisfied customers there can be no healthy and sustained growth and development of reputation."

Mr. Burgeson presented the following "course of study in making better estimators or salesmen":

- 1. "First Lesson. Know Thyself.
 The importance of this to you. The importance of this to your house. The importance of this to customers.
- 2. "Second Lesson. Know Thy Customer. A bright consideration of 'the other fellow'—Who is he? Where is he? Why is he a prospect for your house? Is he any different from any other fellow?
- 3. "Third Lesson. What Have You to Sell? What is meant by the word Service in this industry? The intimacy of this service. How the reputation of your house is in your care.
- 4. "Fourth Lesson. Locating Prospective Customers. Learn how and where to look for 'leads.' Experiences of others. Importance of initiative in digging out prospects.
- 5. "Fifth Lesson. Contact With Prospective Customers. The approach. Winning respect and confidence. Disarming suspicion. Analyzing the needs. 'Service above self.' How to make tact complete your contract. Presenting the qualifications of your house without getting into an argument. Concluding the transaction.
- 6. "Sixth Lesson. Telephone Interviews. "The voice with the smile wins." What not to say to a woman. What not to say to a man. Length of conversation. Discussing details over the 'phone. Making appointments.
- 7. "Seventh Lesson. Be Sure of Your Facts Before Stating Them. How customers are lost through carelessness. Far-reaching results of losing one cus-

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The Warehouse Industry as the Buttress of the Commodity Exchanges

By H. A. HARING

OME months ago, in an interview, one of the Board of Commissioners for the Port of New Orleans made a remark of this sort: "The strangest thing about our port warehouses is the preference the men have for some of them. Every time we get a good fellow, he's not satisfied until he's in the listed-cotton house or in the customs-bonded section."

This statement was rather puzzling and before closing the interview I reverted to the remark and asked for elucidation. The Board member explained:

"That's part of the oddity of the thing. The good-fornothings, whom our superintendent can't trust out of his sight, are content to work in the merchandise sections or in the free houses, but the good ones prefer work where everything is strict. Not many of them can explain why, but without any definite reason they would rather work where every pound of cotton or sack of raw sugar is accounted for. The only explanation we have ever found is just that men prefer strict accountability rather than laxity."

That phrase, "strict accountability," is a yardstick by which many of our so-called warehouses would prove to be "short measure." But it is notable that any warehouse whose receipts are "regular" for delivery over the exchanges is of the better type. It is thoroughly up to standard.

The reason, of course, is plain. In order to be "regular" for good delivery the warehouse must submit to supervision by the exchange. Trades on the commodity exchanges involve such high values that the ex-

change dare not run the risk of the goods not being in the warehouse and not being of the grade and quality named in the receipt. To guard the validity of the receipt, the exchange does its own policing. Its inspection ranks with that of the Federal Warehouse Department for thoroughness, and the exchange regulations are filled with sharp teeth for the offender.

Another experience was encountered in several warehouses that handle miscellaneous merchandise. In talking with employees—both in the office and on the floors—it was found repeatedly that they had the utmost respect for those patrons who made periodical checks of stocks in store. The bookkeeper and the warehouse foreman prefer those customers who occasionally send a man to count and tally the goods. They feel a pride in the "O. K." of such an auditor and, like the good-for-nothings at New Orleans, when they find a depositor who seems careless of his goods, they, too, feel careless. Toward such a patron they exhibit the same contempt that the bank clerk does for the depositor who is known never to reconcile his account with the bank's statement.

With, however, a warehouse that is "regular" with the exchanges no such difficulty is encountered. They are so thoroughly supervised and checked up that no employee grumbles about carelessness. Some explanation of what the exchanges do for their recognized warehouses may be of interest just to show what is possible in the way of supervision. For it is presumed that the readers of these pages who merchandise warehousemen do not run amuck of such regulations.

THESE regulations have another interest. In the cotton States, whereever legislation has come over the cotton warehouses the law-makers have patterned their regulations after what the cotton exchanges have perfected for supervision. Wherever, also, the grain States have enacted grain warehousing laws, as more than twenty of them have done, they, too, have copied the grain exchange rules. The only rice and sugar laws we have were drafted almost in the wording of the coffee and sugar exchanges of New York and New Orleans.

Warehousemen may therefore expect that if ever legislation comes for merchandise warehousing the law-makers will model the statutes after the only precedent they can find—the rules of some exchange for some other commodity.

If ever this country sees a way out of the embarrassments of "said to contain" and "described as or said to be," the solution is likely to come through some such bonding and inspection method as the exchanges have proved most effective. On that account warehousemen of merchandise may possibly see in

the exchanges' methods what the next generation of warehousemen will face. For, if there is any reading of the future, it is that owners of goods and their bankers are going to demand some escape from that "order and condition unknown" part of the receipt.

Tender of Receipts

For the commodity exchanges, all trading for future delivery is based on warehoused commodities. Much cash or spot trading depends also on warehouse receipts, especially in tobacco and cotton, sponges and rice. To a limited extent the bill-of-lading is good delivery on the last three or four days of the delivery months on some exchanges, and of course on-track selling is a feature of cash grain, spot hay and spot straw, etc.

In a general way, however, commodities in warehouse storage support the exchanges. Trading goes on for goods never seen by either of the parties. The only manner of dealing is to have the commodities thoroughly standardized and graded. Any commodity that can be completely graded becomes avail-

able for exchange trades. Lots are offered by grade of established units, and on no other basis is long-range buying and selling conceivable.

In order to control the warehouses, each exchange permits delivery on contracts to be made only by tender of warehouse receipts of certain companies. Each of these is examined by the board of directors and, when found fit, is licensed for "good delivery" on that exchange. When thus licensed it is known as a "regular" warehouse. The receipt of any warehouse not formally declared "regular" is not deliverable on contracts, and the goods in such a warehouse are not, as a consequence, available for trading on the exchange. They resemble "unlisted securities" on the stock exchanges—they may be perfectly good, but not having complied with certain conditions they are outlawed.

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On most of the exchanges the exchange through its own inspectors does all the weighing and grading for everything that enters the warehouse and, in due time, for everything that goes out. These inspections are known as the "in-inspection" and the "out-inspection." They correspond exactly to the warehouse through the correspond to the warehouse through the correspond to the corresponding to the correspondi

houseman's tally of goods, except that the tallying is done entirely by disinterested officers. Their findings as to quantity and quality are the quantity and quality for which the warehouseman becomes responsible: they are the description inserted in the receipt.

It is then customary for the exchanges to register the warehouseman's receipt. in order to compare it with the inspector's report. Registration is necessary before the receipt is valid, exactly as stock certificates are validated by the registrar of transfer. When delivery is to be made, the warehouse receipt must be presented to the registering officer for cancellation before being honored by the warehouseman.

No risk of telephone requests for delivery or shipment against receipt.

In addition to cancelling the receipt, the exchange names the hour when loading out is to occur. Its inspector and weightmaster is on hand for the "out-inspection." Should these agents not be on hand, the "regular" ware-The customer may houseman waits. storm or threaten all he will, but he gets nothing until the official inspector shows up.

A Florida Market Day

THROUGHOUT the country a wide va-riety of commodities are traded over exchanges for which "regular" warehouse receipts are the only medium of delivery. Grain and flour, mill-stuffs and flaxseed, hay and straw, are dealt in at ten principal exchanges and about fifteen lesser ones. Cotton for future delivery occurs at New York and New Orleans (and since December, 1924, has opened at Chicago), with about twenty cash cotton markets. Sugar and coffee occur principally at New York and New Orleans, with rice chiefly at the latter city. Trade occurs also for provisions and lard, grass and clover seeds, hides, hops, dried peas and dried beans, wool, linseed oil and cake, vegetable oils, waxes and fats, animal oils and fats, butter and cheese, naval stores, castor beans, sponges, etc.

If any merchandise warehouseman cares for a memorable day in Florida, he has but to spend a few hours at the sponge warehouses of Tarpon Springs. By ascertaining when a "market day is to occur, he will witness one of the most picturesque sights in America, as well as attain a wholly new idea of the warehousing industry. To a lesser extent he will have an equally interesting experience by visiting a rice warehouse in Louisiana at "auction time.'

In both instances, the warehouse is the buttress of the trade in question, but the methods are so unique that the warehouseman from another part of the country will never forget the sight.

The warehouses of the Sponge Exchange at Tarpon Springs are of brick and steel. They are constructed on three sides of a square, the pavement of which is concreted. Each compartment of the warehouses has its front side (facing the square) made of steel rods, like a prison or the cage of a zoo. When a sponge fishing boat comes into

harbor its crew transfers the "catch" to one of these compartments. The curious padlock is doubly keyed-the warehouseman having one key, the crew the other, after the manner of a safe deposit box. Day after day the crew is admitted to its compartment for the purpose of assorting and grading the sponges.

When "market day" comes the crews bring forth their goods. The sponges are arranged on the pavement of the square for inspection by the buyers.

AS LEGISLATION SPREADS-

SOME explanation of what the various exchanges-grain, cotton, tobacco, rice, sugar, etc.-do "recognized" warehouses may be of interest to merchandise storage executives, Mr. Haring says in this article, "just to show what is possible in the way of supervision." For, he points out-

"In considering the regulations of trading exchanges a warehouseman may guess shrewdly where the law-makers will look for guidance whenever they contemplate warehouse regulations. . . . As law-making extends to other types of the warehousing industry the warehouseman may as well be prepared for attempts at the impossible."

This is the third of a series of articles which Mr. Haring is writing for Distribution & Warehousing, based on a two-year inquiry during which he interviewed hundreds of men in the public storage industry, Government officials, officers of commodity exchanges, and industrial traffic and sales managers.

These articles by Mr. Haring will appear regularly during the coming months and will present fresh viewpoints for both shippers and warehousemen. 58.60

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At the hour of sale each bidder hands the warehouse superintendent a written bid. These the superintendent compares, and announces the name of the high bidder but not the amount. Other bids are at once destroyed without record. The seller (the sponge crew) are given the option of accepting or rejecting the offer; they may even barter with the high bidder but with no other. If they reject the offer the lot of sponges must be returned into store, it not being permitted to offer any lot twice on the same day. In case of sale the sponges are removed to the private warehouse of the buyer, the town being full of such warehouses. These are of quite different type. Within them the purchased sponges are commercially graded, cleaned and compressed for shipment.

The methods of the rice exchanges

are largely similar, with the same meth-

od of sealed bids rather than the competitive bidding of trading exchanges as ordinarily they exist.

With few exceptions the exchanges require bond of each recognized warehouseman. These bonds are in addition to any bond to the State. Of the principal grain exchanges the three in the East—Baltimore, New York and Philadelphia-do not insist on this bond. Of the six chief western grain exchanges, five demand bond, the exception being at Minneapolis where the State exacts a bond of \$50,000 from each elevator. The fact of this heavy State bond does not, however, deter the Duluth Board of Trade from asking a bond for its additional protection. Each elevator that is "regular" for that exchange must file bond for fifteen cents per bushel of capacity of the house. At Kansas City this rate is ten cents per bushel. At Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Louis the sum of bond is left to the judgment of the board of directors.

Cotton warehouses both at New York and New Orleans are bonded "as may be required by the board of managers of the exchange." Discretion as a rule is given the board of directors for other exchanges.

Report Blanks

M OST elaborate reports are the requirement of "regular" warehouses. These are demanded daily, weekly, monthly and annually. must show receipts and withdrawals, balances in store, etc., for each kind and grade of each commodity.

Possibly the Merchants' Exchange of St. Louis has the most formidable report blank, its minuteness of detail reminding one of the Minnesota cold storage report form or that of Wisconsin. which makes the warehouseman weigh the halibuts in store if he reports truthfully. At St. Louis the registered elevatorman must report receipts and withdrawals and balances for 82 grades of wheat, 22 of corn, 32 of oats, 5 of rye and 7 of barley.

At some other exchanges, where volume of warehouse movement is less, the warehouseman is permitted to transmit the daily report by telephone. Everywhere, however, the weekly and monthly reports must be in regular form, with due certification as to accuracy.

None of these reports permits the laxity and carelessness that will pass muster with the State reports with which the warehouseman is familiar. Inasmuch as the exchange has inspected and weighed all receipts and withdrawals, and has registered both issuance and cancellation of all receipts, the warehouseman has no option other than to report correctly and exactly. Failure to "balance on report" may cost the ware-house its franchise for "good delivery" on the exchange, in addition to making it liable under its bond.

The cotton warehouseman faces an interesting development of individual package delivery, due to the nature of bales of cotton. Each bale has its own weight and grade, and only to a limited extent is cotton commingled as grain is. Two bales of cotton are not as identical as two bushels of rye. The bale is, therefore, tagged with its individual number of identification. The most familiar comparison is that of trunks at the railroad baggage room.

The unit of delivery for cotton over the exchanges is 100 bales. The intention is that this shall be of a single grade by inspection. Although cotton is received in large lots the inspectors may separate it into several grades. Therefore what was received into store as a single lot may not be deliverable as one lot. Accordingly, when delivery is ordered the withdrawal order is quite likely to contain 100 numbers, rather than to run against a lot of 100 bales.

In the matter of sale of goods in store the "regular" warehouse for an exchange differs from ordinary merchandise storage. Transfer of ownership "on the books of the warehouse," without removal of the goods, is a common occurrence. It not only happens frequently, but may change title to a single lot of goods half a dozen times within a single day. So closely is such transfer of title connected with trading on the exchanges that none of the ordinary storage conditions apply. It is, in particular, a distinct part of the rules for a "regular" warehouse that transfer of title does not terminate the storage contract. So rapidly, in practice, do warehouse re-ceipts pass from hand to hand that the exchanges have most intricate rules to These rules are further complicated by the use of "delivery notices" as substitutes for warehouse receipts.

On the exchanges only negotiableform receipts are valid for delivery. Until thirty or thirty-five years ago warehouse receipts in negotiable form and indorsed in blank were sent from office to office by messengers for delivery against contracts, the receipts being attached to the invoice. Under that system, when registration of these receipts was not so carefully guarded as it is today, receipts were sometimes completely lost. The method required, too, fast work by messengers and close calculation by their employers in the effort to reach distant offices and make lawful delivery of the receipt in the time permitted.

Today, however, all this has been obviated by a method that follows the principle of the bank clearing houses. All the exchanges, without any exception that I have found, establish each day (or each month for certain commodities) a "delivery session" or a "delivery hour," which is a period during which every member (who may have deliveries due him) must be present or represented on the exchange. No longer are the office corridors worn out by messenger boys' feet; instead, at one corner of the exchange floor members pass warehouse receipts from hand to hand at five or ten minute intervals.

"Substitute Receipts"

NOR is the "delivery" session the only method of expediting delivery of warehouse receipts over the exchanges. A further short-cut has been evolved. It

is both quicker and safer. Under that method, when a seller is prepared to make delivery of cotton or coffee, sugar or oats, he makes tender of warehouse receipts by use of a substitute document. This substitute is known as the "delivery notice," or "the transferable no-tice," or the "transferable order," or merely as the "notice." It is used on all exchanges where volume of trading is large. A simple form is that of the Board of Trade at Chicago which reads merely thus:

"We have on hand ready for delivery the following described Warehouse Receipts, and hereby make tender of the same to you in fulfillment of our contract for sale to you of . . ."

The usual requirements of the "notice" are that it shall:

1. Be in writing;

2. Give on its face the name and address of the issuer;
3. Give a detailed record of the ware-

house receipts which it is proposed to

4. Name the contract price at which delivery is to be made;

5. State the rate of storage and the amount of storage accrued to date. Occasionally other items are necessary.

The "Notice" System

SUCH a "delivery notice" is in form convenient for passing from member to member by indorsement. Each holder indorses to the next, with annotation of the price at which the goods are delivered as stipulated in the contract against which it is applied. The indorser, under the uniform receipts Acts, guarantees nothing but his right to hold and transfer the "notice."

The original issuer, known as the "maker of the notice," must make delivery of his "notice" within a certain length of time from the opening of the "delivery session," and each successive holder must pass it on within a specified time. In order to fix this time beyond question, each indorser enters on the reverse side of the "notice" the exact minute of delivery to the next holder. The usual period during which such a "notice" may be held by a member and yet be valid for delivery to another is five minutes, although on a few exchanges this is longer, being as much as fifteen minutes at two or three places.

The "last holder" of the "notice," or "the holder with whom last lodged," is obliged to present the "notice" to the maker or issuer to be exchanged for the appropriate warehouse receipts. Any member, of course, who desires to accept delivery of the goods rather than to ap-ply the "notice" on his own selling contracts, is privileged to "stop the notice." This he does by the simple device of holding it more than the stipulated number of minutes, or, in the parlance of the trades, "he pockets the notice." This "last holder" pays the price when he receives the warehouse receipts, all intermediate holders settling their accounts by paying net balances only.

It is arranged that storage charges "run against the goods." The storage contract does not terminate with each

transfer of ownership in the receipt. The charges are paid by the member who finally presents the warehouse receipt and demands delivery of the goods, he having adjusted with previous holders for their share of the charges. The warehouseman, therefore, of a "regular" warehouse has no concern about his charges and it matters little how many hands may have owned the receipt. All the accumulated charges are paid by the final holder.

When charges are paid, the warehouseman "stamps the receipt" to indicate the date to which storage charges have been adjusted. A usual wording of this "stamping" is this simple formula:

"All storage paid to and including , except delivery charges. Additional storage accrues on ...

When the warehouse receipt is delivered to the new owner, the exchanges require that he shall have a reasonable assurance that the goods may remain undisturbed in store for a few days. It is, further, usually the rule that the seller shall prepay the storage for these daysthree to ten days. These days have come, accordingly, on the exchanges to be known as the "free time." They corresponded, in the beginning, to the similar days of "free time" when the goods originally went into store.

For the principal grain exchanges the regulated periods of such "free time" for warehouse receipts are as follows:

Baltimore: Three days' free time, including day of delivery. For hay and straw, it is two days.

Chicago: Five days' free time from date of delivery.

Duluth: Ten days' free time from date of delivery.

Kansas City: Six calendar days of free time after date of delivery.

Milwaukee: Five days' free time from date of delivery.

Minneapolis: Five days' free time not

including date of delivery.

New York: "The days of sale and the three following work days, without regard to the weather, shall be free of storage to buyer."

Philadelphia: Five days' free time including the day of tender.

St. Louis: Five days' free time from days of delivery. For grain in sacks this is three days.

(The date of delivery refers to transfer of the warehouse receipts, not to withdrawing the goods from store).

Coffee and Sugar

FOR cotton, both at New York and New Orleans, these free-time allowances do not exist, but the warehouse receipt must show that storage charges are paid to date of transfer.

The sugar and coffee exchanges, as well as those for provisions and lard, follow the rule for cotton.

In the exchanges for coffee and sugar the peculiarities of those commodities enter the cause variation in the inspection and weighing. When the warehouse receipt is to be transferred, the seller presents in writing (on the "delivery notice") the name of a licensed grader who is to act for him. The final holder of the receipt, who expects to take de

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livery of the goods, also names a grader. Both nominees must be, of course, selected from those who have previously been licensed by the exchange for these services. The two graders then agree upon a time for joint inspection of the goods.

For warehouses that handle provisions, the reports contain one peculiarity that is always interesting. The warehouseman must keep his records in such manner as to show at all times the age of the salt pork, sides, bacon, ribs, lard, etc. In rendering the monthly report to the registrar of the exchange at Chicago, as the most elaborate example, each of the items of provisions must be sub-divided into those "made from Oct. 1, 1923, to Oct. 1, 1924," and those "made previous to Oct. 1, 1923." Each year, on October first, these dates are changed in the new report forms which appear at that date.

In considering the regulations of the trading exchanges a warehouseman may guess shrewdly where the law-makers will look for guidance whenever they contemplate warehouse regulations. The exchanges, for their own protection, have worked out drastic regulations for warehouses whose receipts are "good delivery." These regulations have been necessary, and most of them are founded on good reasoning. None of them is too rigid for the direct purpose it serves.

When, however, the law-makers copy these regulations wrong is often done. They are copied into the statutes because they are right at hand for easy adoption. In making these rules into laws, too often the Legislatures have lost sight of the single purpose of exchange rules, and they have unwittingly imposed on the warehousing industry laws that are needlessly severe-so severe that observance has been impossible. In spreading such laws on the books, due account has not been taken of the conditions of a State as a whole in contrast with the warehouses of a single city and only those of that city which wish to qualify for exchange trading.

Changing Legislation

IN this way, State after State tried impossible grain warehousing laws. The same thing happened with all the earlier cotton warehousing laws of the South; they patterned after New York and New Orleans for tiny villages where the cotton warehouse was nothing but a shed, often with barbed wire for walls.

These early statutes have generally been superseded by more reasonable regulations, but as law-making extends to other types of the warehousing industry the warehouseman may as well be prepared for similar attempts at the impossible.

This method brings to attention peculiarities of coffee and raw sugar. They are received into store by "regular" warehouses without the usual "in-inspection." Grading and weighing is done within five days of delivery of the warehouse receipt. Both coffee and sugar must be weighed within seven days of delivery of the receipt, and the weighmaster's official "return" must be attached to the receipt. If an older "return" is used, it is permissible only on condition that the goods have remained inside the warehouse continuously since the previous weighing. If removed to another warehouse, re-weighing is necessary. For coffee, with an old "return" of weight, the buyer is "allowed 14 pound per bag per month or fractional part thereof from date of original return." It is, in other words, calculated that each bag of coffee will shrink 1/4 pound per month. With raw sugar this shrinkage is estimated to be 350 pounds for each 50 tons per month.

Cotton and Grains

IN a similar manner, the official weight of a bale of cotton is binding for only five days over the exchange at New York and fifteen days at New Orleans. After that period, shrinkage is calculated at one-half pound per bale (500 pounds).

With the grains, the warehouseman issues his receipt for the weight as found by the official inspectors when it is received into store. When he delivers out of store, the weight is again calculated by the inspectors. There being, under the rules, no regulation for shrinkage during storage, control of this factor becomes the warehouseman's problem. Shrinkage is his loss. Gain in weight, through absorbing moisture, becomes a source of profit.

Both in the grain and cotton trades these losses and gains in weight become of importance-an item of which the merchandise warehouseman has no counterpart. Western grain, as example, in the sunshine of late summer becomes thoroughly dried out, because rain does not occur and dry weather rules unbroken for weeks at a time. When grain of this sort reaches the warehouses or elevators of the Pacific Coast or Gulf Ports, it hungrily absorbs moisture from the ocean air. It gains in weight. This increased weight is one of the chief reasons why sacks are used for grain in those sections, rather than storing in elevators under the fungible principles. Commingled grain hands over all the gain in weight to the warehouseman. Grain

owners, accordingly, willingly stand the cost of grain sacks, with the larger charges for handling, etc. What they gain in weight of the contained grain more than offsets the added costs.

With cotton exactly the same thing happens. Cotton from the dry interior of such States as Oklahoma and Texas, together with upland sections of all the South, absorbs much moisture when it is stored in the Mississippi Valley at such cities as Memphis or when it reaches such seaport warehouses as New Orleans, Charleston or Savannah. The gain in weight has largely benefited the middleman, for the reason that he purchased from the cotton farmer and then concentrated his lots into commercial quantities at some such warehousing center.

Only within the past three seasons have cotton growers learned this "trick of the trade." Now their cooperative marketing associations have entered the field of permitting "nature to boost the purse." No longer do they store their No longer do they store their cooperative cotton altogether at interior points. Months before selling each stored lot, the cooperatives ship it to concentration warehouses, under the transit privileges of the freight tariffs. The concentration warehouses are selected with reference to prevailing weather, the aim being all the time to "soak up as much as the bales will stand. In this manner the cooperatives have added a neat sum to their income, which, in the end, becomes a better price for what the cotton farmer grows.

Other Commodities

WHERE warehouses operate as "regular" under an exchange their dealings tend to run into even-sized units. What they receive comes, of course, in carloads, but what they deliver is levelled into standardized lots. Grain, of all varieties, is handled in thousands of bushels and even multiples of that unit. For other products the units may be named:

Raw sugar: 50 tons of 2,240 pounds, or 112,000 pounds.

Refined sugar: 80,000 pounds at New York, and 60,000 pounds at New Orleans, which at each city means a unit of 100 bags, the standard weight of a bag being 800 pounds at the one city and 600 at the other.

Coffee: 250 bags of 130 pounds each, or 32,500 pounds to the lot. It "must consist of coffee of one growth or description only."

Rough rice: 1,440 bags, equivalent to 400 barrels.

Clean rice: 40,000 pounds, which means 100 bags of 400 pounds each.

Abandoned Railroad Beds May Be Utilized as Motor Truck Highways

Massachusetts has taken up the study of utilizing the abandoned roadbeds of steam railroads as possible highways for motor trucks, it was made known in Boston early in January.

The fact that the Boston & Maine Railroad has announced a plan of scrapping about 1,000 miles of trackage, on top of statements that the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad was contemplating cutting off sections of unpaying routes, has brought the matter to attention.

With Chairman William F. Williams of the State Department of Public Works, in control of highways, and representatives of steam roads and executives of motor organizations considering the mat-

ter for some time, it may result in legislation this year.

This may be a possible solution of the fighting between motor and bus men on one hand and railroads on the other, because of freight and passenger competition, a solution for which was expected at the recent Motor Transport Conference in Boston.

WHAT'S WHAT IN NEW BUILDINGS

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Donaldson Transfer & Storage Co. Pittsburgh

THE Donaldson Transfer & Storage Co., Pittsburgh, is now storing household goods in its new building which, located at 1012-18 Western Avenue, North Side, virtually in the heart of the business section, is conveniently located in relation to all freight stations.

a low insurance rate. It is of reinforced concrete and brick construction, six stories high with mezzanine floor, and contains 100,000 square feet of floor space, including 12,000 devoted to heated piano storage.

To the right of the main entrance are the private and general offices: a combination locked trunk vault, with 1,-600 square feet of floor space, used for storage of valuable trunks or packages; and steps which lead to the basement where lavatories and wash rooms are located.

To the left of the main entrance is a show room, with 4,-800 sq. ft. of floor space, where new furniture is displayed for sale.

Looking upward, the heated piano room is observed, as the mezzanine floor is fronted with glass, and pianos in storage may be seen from this point.

The ceiling above the offices and the show The structure is fireproof throughout, assuring room is twenty feet from the floor and from it is extended a brilliant lighting display. Show room and offices are inclosed with four plate glass display windows each ten by fifteen feet.

> On the first floor the rear of the building is used for receiving and delivering goods; for

housing the company's fleet of seven White motor trucks: for the loading platform, 2,400 ft. square; and for an electric freight elevator of six tons capacity.

On the second, third and fourth floors are various sized fireproof storage rooms. The fifth and sixth floors are used for open storage.

The entire building is cleaned by vacuum system.



TWO BITS

A Bit Here, A Bit There

Gotham, March, 1925

OUR GOLF DEPARTMENT

ANOTHER contribution to Ye Ed.'s golfing utensils' fund is to hand, viz: one Commercial Bank of Columbia, S. C., \$5 bill, No. 839, dated 1853. It comes from an unidentified Camden, N. J. storager who signs himself "2 Bits Plus 38 Bits Equals 5 Bucks." The Camden storager's arithmetic is rotten and probably the bill is, too, but our golfing utensils' fund and golfing sticks now aggregate in the total as follows:

1. 1 mid-iron, donated by Syd Green

the Petersburgh, Va. storager.
2. 1 golfing bag, donated by Syd Green, the Petersburg, Va. storager.
3. 25cts. in silver (U.S.), donated by

Sub Scribe R., the Boston storager.
4. 100,000 German paper marks,

donated by Sub Scribe R., the Boston storager.

5. 1 Commercial Bank of Columbia, S. C., \$5 bill, donated by Five Bucks, the Camden, N. J., storager.

Regarding the bank bill, Five Bucks

writes, to wit:

"Buy as many golfing utensils as you can with same; in fact go as far as you like, but be careful. I am only too glad to help such a cause and honestly I believe that if you live long enough you will acquire 1 full Set of said utensils. Said utensils, by that time, will be quite valuable as antiques. I trust this finds you the same. Till Niagara Falls."

Meanwhile a Boston detective agency has uncovered for Two Bits the identity of whom Sub Scribe R, the Boston donor of the U.S. 1/4 and the 100,000 German marks, is. He is Billy Orton of the Boston office of the Judson Freight Forwarding Co. The Judson Co.'s Federal income tax has been cut materially.

Meanwhile Ye Ed. essayed another game of golfing at the Augusta convention of the N.F.W.A. We waded thru a muddy foursome with Frank Elston, the Grand Rapids, Mich., storager; Tom Jackson, the Chicago storager, & Cappy Ricks, the Jackson, Miss., storager, & the respective net scores for 18 mudholes was 135, 161, 112 & 172. Ye Ed. would have beat out Tom only the 18th mud-hole was played in the dark & it took us 17 strokes to negotiate it, whereas Tom played with a ball covered with phosporence & made it in about 6.

At a meeting of the New Jersey F.W.A. in Feb., Bill Bostwick, the Jersey City storager & who was chairman of the N.F.W.A. golfing committee at Augusta, announced our score at Augusta as 180 & Ye Ed. was called on for a speech & what we said was that our score would have been better, but that we purposely made it as rotten as possible in the hope that storagers would donate us the needed golfing utensils, which are 1 brassie, 1 spoon mashie, 1 mashie niblick, 1 putter, also 1 good jigger.

Meanwhile The Furniture Warehouseman maybe will be made defendant in a libel suit on a/c it has published the following gross misrepresentation:

"Press of time prevented the Chairman of the Golf Committee from presenting to Mr. Kent Stiles, Editor of 'Two Bits,' winner of both the high gross and high net, with a toy balloon, it being thought that he might be able to hit this with more accuracy than he hit the golf ball.

"Some rather interesting anecdotes were reported on the first day, the following being especially vouched for by

'Mickie':

"Scene: 'Cousin' Kent about to drive, holding gold bag in his hand.

"'Cousin' Kent: 'What shall I do, Mickie? I have no driver.'

'Why don't you use the "Mickie: brassie?

"'Cousin' Kent: 'Won't I be disquali-

"Answer lost in chaos that followed." To set down verbatim fact, it was not the answer that was lost in the chaos at all. It was the head of our driver. We did use a driver O.K., Mickie notwithstanding, but we aimed wrong or something & the head of the driver struck the ball or a rock or something or other, & the head of the driver was what was lost in the chaos, or maybe it was the mud it was lost in, but anyhow our gross score was not 180, as Bill Bostwick told the New Jersey Storagers, but was 172, which was pretty good considering we had to drive 17 mud-holes with a brassie.

Once upon a time we had a he-parrot which used rougher language than emanated from our foursome on those 18 Augusta mud-holes.

Some unidentified reader of Two Bits has sent us a newspaper paragrapher's paragraph reading like as follows: "A moth is no fool. He will never tackle an old pair of pants while there is a good dress suit hanging nearby."

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Good news are scarce at this writing. Few if anybody contributes items, poems, moth preventives, blotters, scandalgraphs or golfing utensils.

NEWS ITEMS

A couple (2) of Calif. Chambers of Commerce have borrowed on our storagers' industries for prexies. Ed Lyon, the Oakland storager, has been made prexy of the Oakland Chamber & John Driver, the Berkeley storager, has been made prexy of the Berkeley Chamber. Calif. climate continues.

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Fred Kedney, the Minneapolis storager, has gifted Ye Ed. with an elegant pocket-bill-folder (without any bills in same) with our name spelt out in gold.

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Jay Gould, the San Diego storager, has been chairmanning his village's community chest campaign. climate continues.

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Tom Skellet, the Minneapolis storager, & Bill Ford, the Dallas storager, have bequeathed their Central Warehousemen's Club convention-floor fued to the floor of the National Furniture Warehousemen's Association conventions. Tom is having a Danish ski tapered to a sharp pt. & Bill is doing likewise with a Texan bowie knife, & a no-rules, catch-as-catch-can, tothe-death shindig is anticipated to take place at Mackinac Isl. in July. (File your reservat'ns now with Ralph Wood, N. F. W. A. sec., & subscribe to our Aug. issue of Two Bits for details .-Advt.)

space Tild Orcutt, the St. Louis storager, has invented a vacuum room for slaying moths. Ed Jenkins, the Brooklyn storager, has invented a new type of van body. Floyd Bateman, the Chicago forwarder, is trying to invent a cross between Tild's vacuum room & Ed's van body so moths would be exterminated en route & thus save everybody's time, including the moths'. If anybody says there is no brains & progress & imagination in the h.h.g. storagers' industry they have no more intelligence than Two Bits has, & that is very little if you believe all that is said to you at conventions.

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Geo. Magruder, the Baltimore storager, is susceptible to psychological influence. Just as Milo Bekins, the Los Angeles storager, was orating about his new accident prevention sub-committee at the N. F. W. A. convention in Augusta, Geo.'s chair collapsed under him. that is, it collapsed under Geo., not Milo.

Budget Plans Save Operating Costs in **Motor Truck Transport**

By PHILIP L. SNIFFIN

N a great many businesses which have come to rely on motor trucks for the delivery of merchandise we find today that intensive studies of costs are being made which are producing savings to fully justify the time spent on them. The warehousing business is no exception to this.

The tendency among warehouse owners to branch out into the general trucking and hauling field has brought the necessity for cost studies into even more prominent light and this subject is now one of the most predominant

problems of the industry.

In maintaining a warehousing business as a unit by itself, aside from any efforts to use trucks for general hauling or rental purposes, there is much of interest to be derived from a study of the budget cost idea.

The general adoption of this plan is becoming noticeable in many sections of the country and it is the result of a growing feeling on the part of business men that a motor truck system should be conducted as a separate business to stand on its own feet and return its own profit.

The difference between a truck department that is an asset and one that is a liability is the difference between one that leans on the rest of the business and one that can live up to a moderate appropriation allotted to it and keep well within the figure.

Department stores and many retail businesses are carrying the idea still further-no doubt way beyond the point that can be profitably applied to warehouse trucking, but to such an extent, at least, that there is reason to wonder just how far it can be carried in the warehousing indus-They are organizing separate corporations, devoted entirely to handling their deliveries, sometimes cooperatively and quite as often singly. These delivery corporations whose stock is usually owned by the company or companies they serve, have been successful in reducing operating expenses and in broadening the service received from the equipment.

In the warehousing business a very similar effect can be gained without the complications and hazards of an entirely independent service, by means of the budget system. It consists, briefly, of setting an arbitrary percentage allotment for motor transportation work, based on gross earnings.

Budget Plan Explained

THIS allotment should be a figure which is adequate and yet not excessive, as found in the previous experience of the department. Once this percentage is established, any saving which accrues is considered as profit, whereas any amount over it is justly a loss, both the profit and the loss being considered as of the department itself. Thus the service is in the position of a business in itself with at least a theoretical incentive to pay its own way.

Many businesses, of course, are on a budget plan throughout their organizations, and this takes in the motor truck department along with other departments, each separately and with an individual figure. This provides an incentive equally as good with which to work

for improvement.

There is nothing difficult to understand about the working of a budget cost plan. Suppose, for illustration, a concern uses a fleet of ten trucks, which may be considered as equipment necessary for the operation of the business. It may, at the start, establish an arbitrary percentage figure based on previous experience as best as can be done from previous cost records. This figure may be, say, 25 per cent of total gross earnings. It is to include all items of truck expense, such as drivers' wages, operating and maintenance costs, garage rent, depreciation of equipment, insur-

YOUR BUSINESS AND THE MOTOR TRUCK

THIS is the twenty-ninth of a series of articles by Mr. Sniffin in relation to motor truck operation and outlines the advantages of a budget system for the warehouse company which operates gas or

electric trucks.

topics. He has been making a relation to the public storage in-

Formerly with the International Motor Co., Mr. Sniffin, a motor truck advisory engineer, is a recognized authority on motor truck special study of truck operation in dustry in order to write these articles.

themselves, as will be explained later in this article. It is through this yearly comparison of individual truck expense budgets that the greatest opportunity may be found for reducing costs and showing a more favorable yearly percentage in the general budget.

dividual items of cost among the trucks

A budget system, to serve its best, invariably requires a complete system of bookkeeping so that the owner will have accurate cost figures to watch. For it is in the cost sheets that methods of improvement are to be found and that the incentive of bettering each year's record lies.

Transport Men Favor Plan

THIS idea of a separate transport organization is apparently gaining ground with the less extensive business firms, and on the whole it appeals to the transport managers because it gives them a certain amount of independence and freedom from interference by other departments. It also gives a man in this position a chance to prove his capabilities in the same manner as any other departmental head.

There are some concerns which have worked out their individual truck costs to the extent that they are able to go a great ways with the idea of making the truck department stand on its own feet as a business of its own. have figured out the costs which they

ance, portion of general superintendence, salary of truck superintendent, etc.

At the end of the first year the gross total of truck expense should be watched with the figure of gross yearly volume to obtain the percentage which represents the cost of truck operation. This figure is then viewed in the light of a budget which provides a guide year after year as to whether the service is becoming more efficient or more economical.

Budget plans, however, go considerably farther than this, by budgeting the incan reasonably charge per hour for each size of truck in service, and the business is thus charged (according to the work done) for the service, much as though the vehicles were rented from an outside source. It is reported that a large Philadelphia concern hires its vehicles out to its various departments at the rates here set down, based on the experience of several years. The costs are inclusive of all expenses except that of the driver's salary, which is added each time as a separate item.

| GASOLINE | |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Ford T | \$0.54 |
| ½-ton (more expensive make). | .63 |
| 4-ton | 1.10 |
| 1-ton | 1.15 |
| 1 1/2 -ton | 1.20 |
| 5-ton winch | 1.25 |
| 5-ton dump | 1.80 |
| 5 or 7½-ton tractor trailer | 1.20 |
| ELECTRIC | |
| 1/2-ton express | .90 |
| 1-ton | .90 |
| 2-ton | .95 |
| 3½-ton | 1.00 |
| 5-ton | 1.05 |
| 6-ton pole truck | |
| %-ton Steinmetz | .90 |

In attempting anything of this kind there is, of course, the problem of determining the proper charges to make, and it has been the experience of some executives that the rates can be worked out only over a period of time and must be graduated so as to form a kind of sliding scale. This is because the rates are usually based on past experience of costs of various machines, and anomalies sometimes arise, such as a larger vehicle costing less to operate than a smaller one. This and other details can therefore be evened out and one item made to offset another if the matter is given careful consideration and the normal use of the vehicles carefully analyzed before-

Percentages of Costs

REFERRING again to the general budget percentage, it is interesting to see the way in which this varies according to the type of business for which it is figured—a point which emphasizes the futility of comparing the budget of cost for one business with that of another.

Although the following figures are now considerably out of date, having been based on an investigation into the cost of delivery at Washington in connection with the 1920 Federal census figures, they are given here for their value in showing comparative proportions:

| Business | Per Cent |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Ice | |
| Soft drinks | . 20.2 |
| Brick | . 19.9 |
| Bakeries | |
| Laundries | |
| Coal and wood | . 15.2 |
| Ice cream | |
| Daily products | . 12.1 |
| Lumber | . 6.8 |
| Groceries and meats | . 4.4 |
| Hardware | |
| Furniture and carpets | . 2.8 |
| Department stores | |
| Wholesale meats | . 1.1 |

The "Operating Dollar"

IT has already been pointed out in this article that budget plans may be used to show comparisons of expense items among individual trucks. In much the same way as the general budget provides a guide and incentive to lower the gross percentage, the individual budget shows opportunities for economizing and provides a basis for comparing cost items from one year to another.

A satisfactory method of doing this is to consider the total of certain truck running expenses as the "Operating Dollar," divided at each computation into units which represent the proportion of each item to the total. The percentage tables thus produced are compared for various trucks in the fleet and for the fleet as a whole from one year to another.

Having established the basis figures in the operating dollar, the periodic review of operating costs is greatly simplified and the important facts are more easily grasped. It is possible to eliminate any leaks that are responsible for wasteful expenditures. The operator knows approximately what each vehicle should cost per month or year. Any unusual rise in the percentage of one item detects wastefulness and suggests an immediate investigation.

The operating dollar does not contain all the cost items in truck operation; rather, those directly used in the operation of the vehicle. For example:

The operating dollar includes such costs as gasoline, oil, tires, and miscellaneous equipment like ropes, tarpaulins, lanterns, etc.

The operating dollar contains also the maintenance of the vehicle, such as spare parts and materials needed in repairs, labor to make the repairs, and the cost of repairs made in public repair shops, such as ignition repairs, cylinder grinding, etc.

The operating dollar contains also the item of shop overhead, which includes rent, light, heat, insurance, water and all wages of those employed in the shop that cannot be directly charged to any particular job.

These in a general way constitute the operating dollar; they are the expenses that every owner of a vehicle must have to keep the wheels of the vehicle turning and make money.

The costs which are omitted in establishing any particular concern's operating dollar will be those which are "fixed" from month to month. In other words, only the "variable" costs are included because it is only these for which the information is desired.

The operating dollar must not be confused with the cost-keeping system, for the cost elements considered for each are entirely different. The fundamental reason for the operating dollar is that it enables the operator to make comparisons of variable costs at intervals in the year.

For example, it enables him to examine his gasoline costs. He may compare this percentage with other trucks in his fleet or with the percentage for the same truck in the previous period. It may show that gasoline costs are too high, and that he must make some change in the routing system, or use new vehicles or new carbureters or different fuel, or

put on governors, or do any of the many other things that will reduce gasoline consumption.

Examples of Operating Dollar

THE following table is a good example, given by one authority, of how a fleet operator has divided the operating dollar so as to get a true perspective on what is actually being spent each month on those items that are true factors for comparison. He has divided the operating dollar into eight parts—oil, gas, repair shop overhead, tires, parts, body repairs and painting, labor, and miscellaneous expenses. Thus he has made it possible to obtain figures in the simplest and most reliable form for direct comparison:

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| OPERATING DOLLAR %-Ton Truck Per Cent |
| Gasoline 2186 Parts 2619 Labor 2019 Repair overhead 1510 Tires 1655 Oil 0332 Paint and body work 0176 Miscellaneous 0103 |
| OPERATING DOLLAR |
| 1-Ton Ford |
| Per Cent |
| 100 |
| OPERATING DOLLAR 2-Ton Truck |
| Gasoline Per Cent Parts 1903 Parts 1377 Labor 1972 Repair overhead 1073 Tires 1201 Oil 0419 Paint and body work 1936 Miscellaneous 0119 |
| 100 |
| OPERATING DOLLAR 3½-Ton Truck |
| Per Cent |
| OPERATING DOLLAR |
| 5-Ton Truck Per Cent |
| Gasoline 3383 Parts 1567 Labor 1614 Repair overhead 1132 Tires 0638 Oil 0282 Paint and body work 1161 Miscellaneous 0224 |

In the item of repairs a study of the operating dollar is of particular value. A fleet may have good mechanics but still be very expensive to keep up if drivers alone are depended on for maintenance. The trucks with first class drivers will show a low upkeep regardless of the class of work. Trucks with careless drivers may show average repairs several times as great as those handled by competent drivers.

Some connecting link is necessary then to cut down the repairs. A maintenance department which deals with repair prevention is one answer. The maintenance department should connect the repair department with the trucks and drivers. Whether or not the maintenance department should undertake all upkeep, oiling and greasing, or merely supervise and inspect, must be worked out in each fleet. Probably in any case the maintenance man will have to do much of it.

Effects

The result of thorough-going maintenance will be a tremendous cut in repairs, an increase in truck efficiency and a greatly extended life.

From two-thirds to three-fourths of truck repairs can be prevented by doing everything thoroughly at the right time. This leaves plenty of room for profit on the maintenance department.

Uniformity in State Vehicle Laws Is Recommended by Conference Committee

Suggestions Covering Sizes, Weights, Speeds, Regulation and Taxation Made Public by Representative Automotive Body

RECOMMENDATIONS on sizes, weights and speeds of motor trucks, and regarding regulation and taxation, all designed toward uniformity in the various States, have been made public by the Motor Vehicle Conference Committee organized some months ago by representatives of national automotive organizations.

Among the recommendations of special interest to warehouse companies operating fleets are that owners should be required to receive certificates of public convenience and necessity and take out liability insurance as prerequisites to operating as common carriers.

Further, the committee believes that the State should be the sole taxing agency, and that tax revenue should be proportioned among the various types of vehicles and should be expended under the direction of State highway departments.

That there are many divergences from uniformity in State laws at the present time is obvious from an examination of the restrictions. The committee would eliminate such variations.

The organizations represented in the Motor Vehicle Conference Committee are the American Automobile Association, the Motor and Accessory Manufacturers' Association, the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, the National Automobile Dealers' Association and the Rubber Association of America.

The committee's recommendations are:

Size Restrictions

1. Width, including load, 96 in. (Traction engines, 108 in.)

2. Height, including load, 12 ft. 6 in. 3. Length, including load: Single vehicle, 30 ft.; combination of vehicles, 85 ft.

Note. — From the foregoing it is apparent that in order to admit of the safe passage of two vehicles each of which with its load is 96 in. wide, a highway at least 20 ft. wide is desirable.

Weight Restrictions

1. Single vehicular unit of four wheels or less (tractors and semi-trailers to be regarded as separate units), 28,000 lb.

2. Any one axle of the vehicle or any additional axles of semi-trailers or trailers, 22,400 lb.

3. Per inch width of tire, measured between flanges of the rim in case of solid rubber tires:

| Size | Load | Size | Load | | | | | |
|------|-----------|-------|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| of | Per Inch | of | Per Inch | | | | | |
| Tire | (Maximum) | Tire | (Maximum) | | | | | |
| | 400 lb. | | 750 lb. | | | | | |
| | 400 lb. | 8 in | 800 lb. | | | | | |
| 4 in | 500 lb. | 10 in | 800 lb. | | | | | |
| | 600 lb. | 12 in | 800 lb. | | | | | |
| | 700 lb. | 14 in | 800 lb. | | | | | |

4. Minimum thickness of rubber for solid rubber tires:

| 3-in., 31/2-in., | 4-in., 5-i | n. tires | 3 | % in. |
|------------------|------------|----------|---|-----------|
| 6-in., 7-in., 8 | -in. tires | S | | 1 in. |
| 10-in., 12-in., | 14-in. t | ires | | 1 1/8 in. |

*In only four of the forty-five States answering an inquiry, namely, Connecticut, Ohio, Vermont, and West Virginia, and in the District of Columbia, is a trailer and its drawing vehicle regarded as one unit. No replies were received from Oklahoma, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Restrictions

No motor vehicle should be operated at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper, and should not in any event run at a rate of speed in excess of 15 m.p.h. on an urban street, 20 m.p.h. on a suburban street, or 30 m.p.h. on any other street or highway.

State, county or municipality should be empowered under definite limitations to grant written permits for the movement of vehicles bigger and heavier than those allowed by law when it is imperative.

The power of the State, as centralized in its highway departments of the county or local authorities, should have the power, after consultation with and permission from the State Highway Department, to reduce the weight or speed restrictions to preserve the highways or safeguard travel to meet conditions of bad frost or other similar contingencies.

Local Powers

E XCEPT as indicated, the subordinate political sub-divisions of the State, such as counties, cities, towns, boroughs, etc., should have absolutely no power to prescribe size, weight or speed restrictions at variance with those allowed for the State as a whole.

Those States in which restrictions differ to some considerable extent from those recommended by the Conference Committee at the present time are outlined in a table printed herewith. Apart from changes made by the legislatures meeting in the various States in regular or special sessions in 1925 and from those States in which special authority has been granted Motor Vehicle or Highway Departments to regulate size, weight and speed, the restrictions following reflect conditions as they will exist for this year. Trailers are generally considered as separate units in weight restrictions.*

Special powers to lower or raise weight restrictions can be revised by proper officials in charge of highways, county, municipal or State, where it becomes necessary. In California, City Departments of Public Works issue permits for increased weight; in Connecticut it is the State Highway Commissioner; in Illinois, officials of streets or highways; in Maryland, Massachusetts and Michigan, highway officials; in Ohio, highway commissioners; in Pennsylvania, the State Highway Commissioner, and in Texas, the State Highway Commission.

Regulation

THE regulation of the actual physical characteristics and physical operation of motor vehicles used as common carriers is outlined above. The second important consideration is the regulation of the business engaged in by motor vehicle common carriers. After an investigation the Conference Committee formulated the following principles which, in its judgment, should be adopt-

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States in Which Restrictions Differ from Conference Committee Standards

| | State | Size | Weight, Gross | Speed (Open Country) M.p.h. | State | Size | Weight, Gross | Speed (Open Country M.p.h. |
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| A | la. | 20,000 |) lb | 30 | Neb. | Width 90 in. | | |
| A | rk. | Combination length | | | | Height 12 ft | | |
| | | of vehicles 65 ft22,000 | lb. on four w | heels 35 | N. H. | T41 00 64 | | |
| Ca | al. | Combination length | | | N. J. | Length 28 ft | 12 000 lb load | 30 |
| - | | of vehicles 60 ft22,000 | | | N. C. | • | | |
| Co | ol. | | lb. on four w | heels 35 | Ohio | | 20.000 lb. capacity in | 35 |
| Co | onn. | Width 102 in. | | | Okla. | Width 90 in2 | 20,000 lb | 35 |
| | | Combination length | 11. | | Ore. | | 22,000 lb | |
| _ | | of vehicles 40 ft25,000 | | | Penn. | Width 90 in. 96 in. | | |
| De | | Height 12 ft. 2 in22,000 | | | 1 | permitted in cities | | |
| F | la. | Width 84 in16,000 | | | | of 1st, 2d and 3d | 20,000 11 | |
| | | | 11 1id | | S. C. | Class | 26,000 lb | |
| 711 | | Height 12 ft 8,000 Combination length | on sond | tires — | S. D. | | | |
| Ill | • | of vehicles 65 ft24,000 |) lh | 35 | Tenn. | | | |
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| M | | | lb. on four w | heels 35 | Vt. | Height 12 ft. 2 in1 | | |
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| M | ich. | Combination length | 10 | 20 | | | highway | |
| 191 | icii. | of vehicles 60 ft | | 35 | | 1 | 8,000 lb. on Class | |
| M | iss. | 12,000 | lb. carrying | ca- | - | | highway | |
| | | | ity | | Wyo. | | | |

ed for State regulation of motor vehicle common carriers:

- 1. Control over intra-State transportation of persons and property for hire, over regular routes or between fixed points, if adopted, should be exclusively in the hands of some agency of the State. No power, whatever, in the premises should be vested in the governing bodies of any political sub-division of the State.
- 2. Such State control over motor vehicle common carriers should be placed in existing commissions, such as the Public Utility Commissions or other appropriate State regulatory bodies, of the various States
- 3. As a pre-requisite to the operation of the Motor Vehicle Common Carrier, the owner thereof should be obliged:
 - a. To receive a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, provided that lines in bona fide operation on th first calendar day of the legislative session at which the law is passed shall be presumed to be necessary to public convenience and necessity, and such lines in the absence of evidence overcoming such presumption shall receive a certificate for routes established by them.
 - tablished by them.
 b. To take out liability insurance adequate to indemnify injuries to persons or damage to property resulting from negligent operation.
- 4. The State regulatory bodies having control over motor vehicle common carriers should be vested with the powers

they exercise in controlling other forms of public utilities.

- 5. Taxes on motor vehicle common carriers should consist of:
 - a. Those imposed in the particular State upon motor vehicles, the proceeds from such taxes being first applied to the maintenance, and any surplus thereof to all other costs, of highways of general motor use.
 - b. Proper and equitable taxes in exchange for franchise rights, provided that if such taxes are adopted, an amount equivalent to those paid under (a) should be deducted.
- 6. Legislation should be enacted enabling steam railroads, trolleys, shipping companies and other public utilities to acquire, own and operate motor vehicles in conjunction with their regular lines of business.

The Conference Committee goes on record as being opposed to the enactment of legislation providing for Compulsory Automobile Liability Insurance for the following reasons:

- 1. There are no facts that indicate that such insurance would reduce the number of accidents.
- 2. There are no facts or statistics in existence which show the amount of uncompensated losses due to motor vehicle accidents.

Taxation Theories

ACTUAL or potential taxing jurisdiction is vested in the Federal Government, the State governments and in

municipal governing bodies. The taxes levied are either general or special. General taxes are those levied indiscriminately upon all classes of property for the purpose of raising money to conduct the general functions of government.

Certain taxes single out certain classes of individuals to pay additional or peculiar taxes on the theory that the expenditure of these special taxes results in extra or exclusive benefit to those called upon to pay them. Annual registration and license fees, motor fuel taxes and similar impositions are examples of special motor vehicle taxes.

One theory of taxation to pay for highways is set down as follows:

Adjustment of General and Special Motor Taxation on the basis of use of motor funds for such highway improvement as does not constitute an unfair burden on the individual motorist. This theory, which is steadily gaining ground in the United States, holds that the amount of special taxes levied against the individual motor user shall not constitute an unfair burden. This amount determined, such funds shall always be limited to improvement of highways of general motor use and shall be devoted first to maintenance costs. In States where a surplus remains after such motor highway maintenance needs have been cared for, this surplus should be used to pay a substantial share of all other costs of highways of general motor use or may be used to defray all or part of the costs of bond issues to expedite

construction of economically desirable motor highways.

State as Taxing Agency

THE Motor Vehicle Conference Committee is strongly impressed with the fairness and economic wisdom of the foregoing theory, and using it as a basis has set up a code of "Sound and Equitable Principles to Control Special Taxation for Motor Vehicles," which in its judgment should underlie all laws dealing with the subject. They are:

1. The State should be the sole special taxing agency. Federal, County and Municipal Governments should be excluded from the field.

2. The motor vehicle tax should be simple in form and distributed in equitable and just proportion between the different types of motor vehicles.

3. No highway should be improved by expenditure of public funds in excess of its earning capacity. The return to the public in the form of economic transportation is the sole measure of the justification for the degree of improvement.

4. All money raised by such special taxes should be placed in the State Motor Vehicle Highway Fund and to secure the best results should be expended under the direction of the State Highway Department.

5. The cost of building and maintaining adequate systems of highways should be distributed in an equitable relation to the benefits derived. These may be summarized as follows:

(a) Benefits to society in general, such as influence on education, recreation, health, fire prevention,

police protection, the national defence, the postal service, living and distribution costs.

(b) Benefits to definite groups, such as agriculture, manufacture, labor, railroads, mining, forestry and waterways.

(c) Benefits to property served.
(d) Benefits to the road user.

6. For the purpose of apportioning costs in relation to benefits received, all highways may be divided into two classes; first, those used by the general motoring public, and second, those which perform a purely local service function.

7. Special motor vehicle taxes should be levied and used only for the improvement and maintenance of highways used by the general public, i. e., for general

highway traffic flow lines.

8. The wide variance in valuations, tax burdens, number of motor vehicles in use and the status of highway development in the several States prevent the adoption of any fixed formula as to the proportion of the total costs of highways of general use which should be paid for from motor vehicle funds. Generally speaking, however, these principles may be set forth:

(a) In States where the income from motor vehicles is insufficient to meet all of the maintenance costs of highways of general motor use without undue burden to the individual motorist, such funds should be applied first to the maintenance of inter-State and State highway systems.

highway systems.

(b) In States where the income from motor vehicles is sufficient to meet all maintenance costs of highways of general motor use without undue burden to the individual motorist, any surplus should be used for this class of highway recon-

struction and administration costs.

(c) In States where the number of motor vehicles will bring in large sums in excess of maintenance without placing undue burdens upon the individual motorist, such surplus should be used to defray all the costs of maintenance and a substantial share of all of the other costs of highways of general motor use.

(d) In those States where the motor vehicle income is more than sufficient to meet maintenance costs of highways of general motor use without undue burden to the individual motorist, it may be found advisable to use such surplus for the purpose of defraying all or part of the costs of bond issues to expedite construction of economically desirable motor highways.

Local Taxes

9. Roads of purely local interest, serving only local needs, should be financed out of local revenues obtained from local general taxes. Special assessments on adjoining land to defray a portion of the costs of such roads may be justified.

10. Where extraordinary improvements are undertaken in the vicinity of or serving congested areas of population, the increment, if any, in property valuation following the improvement should be drawn upon to defray an equitable portion of the cost.

11. Irrespective of the particular form of special tax of the motor vehicle, whether registration fees or motor fuel taxes, the aggregate amount of these taxes in any one year should not be so great as to impose an undue burden on the individual motorist.

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8. "Eighth Lesson. Transmitting the Facts to Your House. Importance of correctness in small things. Putting instructions in writing. Providing the customer with copy of instructions. Following through—and why."

Banquet-Golf

THE convention banquet was held on the night of Jan. 22, with Strickland W. Gillilan, humorist, as the evening's speaker. President Gould paid a tribute to southern hospitality as exemplified by warehousing, Augusta's Rotary Club and the local Board of Commerce. James F. Keenan was toastmaster and told some of his inimitable stories. Talks were made also by the two past presidents, Charles S. Morris, New York, and Floyd L. Bateman, Chicago; and J. M. Walker, Memphis, Tenn., on behalf of the southern warehousemen.

William T. Bostwick, New York, as chairman of the golf committee, reported the results of the N. F. W. A. tournament, held the previous day in competition for prizes offered by the Bon Air-Vanderbilt Hotel. Winners and scores:

First low net, 72, Bert Dengler, Chi-

Second low net, 75, J. M. Walker, Mem-

Third low net, 77, Carey B. Hall, New York, Danville, Ill. First low gross, 90, Milo W. Bekins, Los Angeles.

Second low gross, 91, R. G. Weis, Rochester, N. Y.

An enjoyable social program was carried out during the convention. For the ladies there were dancing, card parties, motoring and a fashion show at a local store. For the men there were dancing, golf, horseshoe pitching umpired by Ty Cobb, manager of the Detroit American League Baseball Club; a coon and possum hunt and a "wienie roast." A masquerade ball and a grand barbecue were participated in by both sexes, the local Rotary Club being the barbecue hosts.

Bids for the next winter convention were received from Chattanooga, Tenn.; Jacksonville, Fla., and Asheville, N. C.

FROM THE LEGAL VIEWPOINT

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By George F. Kaiser

"A Bailee for Hire Is Liable Only for Loss Occasioned Through His Negligence"

CCASIONALLY a Court opinion or a legal editorial appears so interesting to those in the warehousing and distribution lines, as to be worthy of reprinting in full. Such an editorial is the following which appeared in the New York Law Journal:

"It is the general rule that a bailee for hire is liable only for loss occasioned through his negligence (Lamb vs. Camden & Amboy R. R. & T. Co., 46 N. Y.,

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"It is likewise the rule that the bailor cannot recover upon simple proof of loss of the goods, but must in addition bear the burden of proving affirmatively that the loss or damage, as the case may be, was occasioned by the negligence of the bailee. The decisions are numerous to this effect, based upon the familiar principle that negligence, being a wrong, will not be presumed, but must be proved by the party charging it and seeking a recovery founded thereon (R. R. Co. vs. Reeves, 10 Wall., 176; Lamb vs. Camden & Amboy, &c., Co. supra; Heinemann vs. Heard, 62 N. Y., 448).

"In the recent case of Davis vs. Rivers (229 Pacific Rep., 571, Advance Sheets of November 24, 1924) it was held that where goods are delivered to a common carrier a bailee for hire, to be transported to another point, and while in transit they are destroyed by fire, and the bailor brings an action for the value of the destroyed goods, alleging that the fire was occasioned by the negligence of the carrier, the burden of proof is upon the plaintiff to establish negligence on the part of the carrier, and there is no legal presumption that the carrier was

negligent.
"The following opinion of the learned Supreme Court of Oklahoma contained a complete statement of the facts of the case and elaborately deals with the law

on this particular subject:

"'Defendant assigns nine specifications of error and argues the same under five heads, viz.: First, error in overruling defendant's demurrer to plaintiff's evidence; second, failure to direct a verdict for defendant; third, refusal to give certain instructions requested by defendant; fourth, verdict not sustained by sufficient evidence and contrary to law; fifth, verdict contrary to law and to instructions of the Court; error in the assessment of the amount of recovery-same being too large, excessive damages appearing to have been given under the influence of passion and prejudice.

"'The evidence of the plaintiff discloses he loaded a car with livestock in one end and erected a partition to separate the stock from the other part of the car; that one end of the car was loaded with household goods, and, in the middle of the car, between the doors, there was livestock feed consisting of hay, oats and corn in the shuck; that there was a lantern sitting on the floor

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of the car where the corn, hay and oats were loaded, but it was not burning; that the car was in charge of one Kimball, agent of the plaintiff; that the car reached Okmulgee about 5:30 P. M. on Dec. 10, 1918, and Kimball left the car door open and went "up town" and did not return until after 7 P. M. and after he was told the car was afire; that the car was not consumed, but the fire was confined entirely to the inside of the car.

'This is the sum total of the evidence relative to the origin of the fire, and as the plaintiff alleges the fire was caused by the carelessness and negligence of the defendant the burden of proof was upon the plaintiff to establish by competent evidence the acts of negligence of the defendant or some facts from which an inference of negligence could reasonably

"'Ordinarily a common carrier which receives goods for shipment is required to deliver the goods according to its agreement, yet, when the owner of the goods or his agent accompanies them, the general liability of the defendant is limited to the extent that the carrier is

in no sense responsible for any injury or loss of the goods that may occur through the act of the owner or his agent. Then, as to that phase of the case, the whole question would turn upon whether or not the defendant was in any way responsible for the fire, or whether the owner's agent, who was in charge of the goods, was responsible. If the plaintiff had not pleaded negligence and had stood squarely on the bailment, a different question would have been presented, but having pleaded that the loss was occasioned by fire, through the negligence of the defendant, the burden was upon the plaintiff to prove that fact (6 Cyc. 379: Hart vs. Railroad, 69 Iowa, 485, 29 N. W., 597; Nunnelee vs. St. L., I. M. & S. R'y, 145 Mo. App., 17, 129 S. W. 762).

"In Stone vs. Case (34 Okl., 5) the

action was predicated upon the negligence of the defendant in causing a fire wherein the piano of the plaintiff was destroyed, the piano having been leased to the defendant by the plaintiff, and

this Court said:

"'In the second count, if a cause of action is stated at all, the plaintiff's right of recovery is predicated solely upon defendant's negligence. It states a condi-tion of facts which relieves defendant of the presumption of negligence ordinarily arising from a prima facie case of failure to return the property. It alleges that the loss was caused by fire and that the fire was caused by defendant's negligence. In alleging a loss by fire the defendant was relieved of the presumption of negligence, and in alleging that the fire was caused by negligence plaintiff assumed the burden of proving such negligence. Her right of recovery is based upon defendant's negligence. She must prove this negligence in order to fix a liability on him. For, under the great weight of authority and under the light of reason, where the loss of bailor's property is occasioned by fire, robbery, burglary or theft, or by any means which would ordinarily and reasonably seem to be unavoidable, the bailee is relieved of the presumption of negligence in the loss and of the consequent burden of interposing an affirmative defense.'

"The Court then cites with approval Wilson vs. Southern Pacific R'y (62 Cal.,

164), as follows:

"'A prima facie case of negligence is made out against a warehouseman who

refuses to deliver property stored with him upon proof of demand and refusal. Upon such proof alone the burden is on him to account for the property; otherwise he shall be deemed to have converted it to his own use. But if it appears that the property when demanded was consumed by fire, the burden of proof is then on the bailor to show that the fire was the result of the negligence of the warehouseman (Harris vs. Packwood, 3 Warenouseman (Hurris vs. Luchardson, 17 Taunt, 264; Beardslee vs. Richardson, 11 Went., N. Y., 26, 25 Am. Dec., 596; Browne vs. Johnson, 29 Tex., 43; Lamb vs. Camden & Amboy R'y, 41 N. Y., 271, 7 Am. Rep., 327; Jackson vs. Sac. Val. R'y, 23 Cal., 269.) The negligence of the appellant, as the proximate cause of the loss of the property by fire thus became the essential fact to recovery, and the burden of proof was upon the plaintiff in the action. It was incumbent on him to prove that the defendant had, by some act of omission, violated some duty, by reason of which the fire originated, or that some negligence or want of care, such as a prudent man would take under similar circumstances of his own property, caused or permitted or contributed to cause or permit the fire by which the property was destroyed.

"Judge Story, in his work on Bailments (8th ed., sec. 21), says:

"'With certain exceptions, which will hereafter be taken notice of, as to innkeepers and common carriers, it would seem that the burden of the proof of negligence is on the bailor, and proof merely of the loss is not sufficient to put the bailee on his defense.' 'This has been ruled in a case against a depositary for hire, where the goods bailed were stolen by his servant.' . . . Section

410-a. 'Properly understood, it seems to be clear that the burden of proof must always be upon the plaintiff to make out all the facts upon which his case rests, and, as negligence is the foundation of the action between bailor and bailee, that the duty of proving such negligence is on the former, rather than that of disproving it on the latter. That the burden is on the plaintiff in other cases founded on negligence is now quite generally agreed. Negligence is no more to be presumed in such cases than in any other.' 'There is some discrepancy in the cases, but the best considered modern authorities in which the question has been most directly discussed and decided support the views above expressed' (Story, Bailm., secs. 213, 278, 339, 454, and authorities, notes 3, 4). . . . "All bailees, with or without a special contract are prima facie excused when they show loss or injury by act of God or of public enemies, and ordinary bailees in a variety of lesser instances, such as fire, loss by mobs or robbery. (Wilson vs. Southern City R.R., 62 Cal., 164, supra, as to loss by fire; 3 Am. & Eng. Enc. Law, pp. 750, 751, and cases cited.) Negligence is an affirmative fact, to be established by proof (Ruttledge vs. Railway Co. 123 Mo., 121, 24, S. W., 1053). The burden of sustaining the affirmative of an issue involved in an action is upon the party alleging the facts constituting the issue (Heinemann vs. Heard, 62 N. Y., 448). The appellant asked the Court to instruct the jury that the burden as to negligence was on the plaintiffs, which he refused to do. This was error. For the errors indicated, the judgment is reversed and the cause remanded for a new trial.'

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Liverpool vs. Traders Compress Co. (46 Okl., 356, 148 Pac., 1019), it is held:

"'In an action against a bailee for hire for injury to cotton, where it is alleged that the injury was occasioned by fire and that such fire was caused by the negligence of the bailee, the Court properly instructed the jury that the burden of proof was upon the plaintiff to prove that the fire was caused by the defendant's negligence.

"'The plaintiff having wholly failed to prove negligence on the part of the defendant or any facts from which any inference could be reasonably drawn that defendant was guilty of negligence, the demurrer of the defendant to the evidence of the plaintiff should have been sustained and the Court erred in over-ruling the same."

Notes

A common carrier is ordinarily chargeable with the duty of notifying the consignor of the consignee's failure or refusal to accept the goods, and where the consignee refuses to accept shipments in carload lots, and the carrier is not under the duty of unloading, the consignor is held not liable for demurrage until he receives notice of such refusal, in Chicago, R. I. & P. R. Co. vs. Waldo, 90 Okla., 185, 216, Pac. 911, annotated in 32 A. L. R. 638.

In an interstate shipment of fruit, the refusal of the carrier to perform special services en route, not offered to shippers generally by its published tariffs, will not, it is held in the Nebraska case of Dolan Fruit Co. vs. Davis, 196 N. W. 168 (annotated in 32 A. L. R. 107) support a charge of negligence, unless, perhaps, in case of great emergency.

(Wash.) Findings and conclusions of Department of Public Works in establishing rates for warehousemen are entitled to weight accorded impartial tribunal, though it acts on formal complaint filed by itself, and should not be overturned, except weight of evidence is clearly against it or it mistakes law applicable to matters adjudicated .- Pacific Coast Elevator Co. vs. Department of Public Works of Washington, 228 p. 1022. Key No. 27.

Department of public works' allowance of one-sixth of previous year's operating expenses as necessary working capital in estab-lishing rate base on which warehousemen were entitled to 10 per cent return, held sufficient.-Id.

Department of public works, in establishing a rate chargeable by warehouses by the prudent investment method, held to have properly excluded from consideration value of warehouses not then being operated, and which had not been operated for five years; in-

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vestment in them being deemed imprudent.—Id.

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Department of public works, in valuing elevator for purpose of formulating rate base, held to have properly accepted a valuation fixed some years previously at hearing where the then owner appeared and added thereto value of improvements made by present owner.—Id.

A rate of return slightly in excess of 10 per cent on the rate base, allowed by department of public works in fixing rates chargeable by elevators, held adequate and not confiscatory.-Id.

Where proceedings before de-

partment of public works to establish a rate chargeable by elevators were instituted on June 20, an order entered on Nov. 10, made effective as of July 1, requiring refund of charges in excess of rate fixed since its effective date, held not void as retroactive, being made effective at date subsequent to time department acquired jurisdiction .- Id.

(Tex. Com. App.) Where one storing cotton with warehouse sued for its return on his receipt and warehouse company showed that cotton was destroyed by fire burden of proof was on plaintiff to show that fire was result of negligence of warehouseman .- Exporters & Traders' Compress & Warehouse Co. vs. Schulze, 265 S. W. 133. Key No. 34 (5).

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and control operation of motor vehicles, doing transportation business over public highways for hire, and to vest Corporation Commission with power to enforce provisions thereof, does not violate Constitution, if such act confers no powers substantially different from those specifically conferred by Constitution itself.—Ex parte Tindall, 229 P. 125. Key No. 2.

(Laws 1923, c. 113, known as Motor Vehicle Act, being no more or less than the granting of additional powers authorized by Const. art. 9, § 19, the right of appeal provided in section 20 automatically vests in any party aggrieved, and act itself is not void because of failure to provide for appeal.—Id.

(Okla.) Demand by consignee and failure to deliver shipment in whole or in part will render railroad liable as common carrier, unless loss shown to have occurred while it was acting as warehouseman.—Oklahoma, N. M. & P. Ry. Co. v. H. M. S. Drilling Co., 229 P. 420. Key No. 91.

(Tenn.) Relationship between national bank and renter of safe deposit box installed in bank's vault held to be that of bailor and bailee.

—Young v. First Nat. Bank, 265 S. W., 681. Key No. 43.

Proof that country (Tenn.) bank, which did not represent or advertise that its safe deposit boxes were burglar proof, did not employ night watchman, only kept electric lights burning in bank until approximately 11 o'clock p. m., did not equip building with burglar alarm, and deposited its own securities in screw door steel safe, held not to show lack of ordinary care to protect complainant's bonds deposited in safe deposit box from burglary; "safe deposit box" being trade-name.—Young v. First Nat. Bank, 265 S. W. 618. Key

(U. S. D. C. Wash.) Under Rem. Comp. Stat. Wash. 1921, § 3644, cases of canned salmon are fungible goods, each unit of which is equal to others, and under section 3609 warehouse receipts for specific number of cases out of larger mass is void.—Standard Bank of Canada v. Lowman, 1 F. (2d) 935. Key No. 12.

(Under Rem. Comp. Stat. Wash. 1921, § 3588, warehouse receipt

need not be of particular form, but must show location of warehouse, date of issue, consecutive number of receipt, whether goods shall be delivered to bearer or named person, or his order, rate of storage charges, description of goods or package, containing them, signature of warehouse, warehouseman's interest, if any, statement of advances or incurred liability, etc.—

Id.)

(U. S. D. C. Wash.) Where salmon pledged to secure loan by Canadian bank were, with bank's consent, shipped to United States by pledgor under bill of lading not containing words "non-negotiable," bill was negotiable under Rem. Comp. Stat. Wash. 1921, § 3657, and subsequent pledgees of warehouse receipts were innocent holders for value; "value" being anything that will support simple contract.—Standard Bank of Canada v. Lowman, 1 F (2d) 935. Key No. 17.

(Wash.) In action for loss sustained when plaintiff's fish were allowed to spoil in defendant's cold storage warehouse, evidence that at one time fish while in warehouse were in perfect condition, and at a subsequent date were found to be decayed, and that condition of fish was due to a thaw, held to sustain finding that defendant was negligent in permitting temperature of room to rise.—Glacier Fish Co. v. North Pacific Sea Products Co., 230 P. 410. Key No. 34 (7).

(U. S. D. C. Iowa) Under the provision of a uniform bill of lading that, if property is not removed by the consignee within 48 hours after notice, it may be kept in the car depot or "place of delivery of the carrier, or warehouse, subject to a reasonable charge for storage," or removed and stored in a public warehouse, the "place of delivery" meant is either the unloading platform or some other place customarily used for the delivery of freight, and calculated, by reason of its character, location, supervision, or care, to afford protection against the usual hazards to unstored or unguarded property.—Chicago Great Western R. Co. v. Davis, 1 F (2d) 729. Key No. 84.

(U. S. D. C. Iowa) The consignee of a shipment of steel posts, who did not remove them from the station of delivery, and who had full knowledge that they were left by the railroad company exposed and unprotected, and after some had been stolen permitted the company to sell the remainder for storage charges without objection, held not entitled to recover for their conversion.—Chicago Great Western R. Co. v. Davis, 1 F (2d) 729. Key No. 91.

(Miss.) Goods, actually delivered at address to which consigned to person doing business under tradename of consignee, is a good delivery, though receipt is signed by another trade-name than that used by shipper in addressing goods, and the carrier is not liable to shipper for misdelivery; person ordering goods receiving them.—Southeastern Express Co. v. Kimball, 101 So. 563. Key No. 88.

(Ga.) To make declaration or agreement as to value effective and binding on shipper, under Act Cong. March 4, 1915, as amended by Act. Aug. 9, 1916 (U. S. Comp. St. § 8604a), it is not essential that writing containing declaration or agreement be signed by him, but it is sufficient, if carrier's receipt or bill of lading given to shipper contain such declaration or agreement, and shipper accepts and acts on such receipt or bill of lading.—American Ry. Express Co. v. S. & W. Estroff, 125 S. E. 40. Key No. 158 (1).

(Shipper in interstate shipment cannot escape effect of declaration or stipulation of value of goods shipped by treating as conversion loss of goods by carrier, and its refusal to deliver on demand and suing in trover.—Id.)

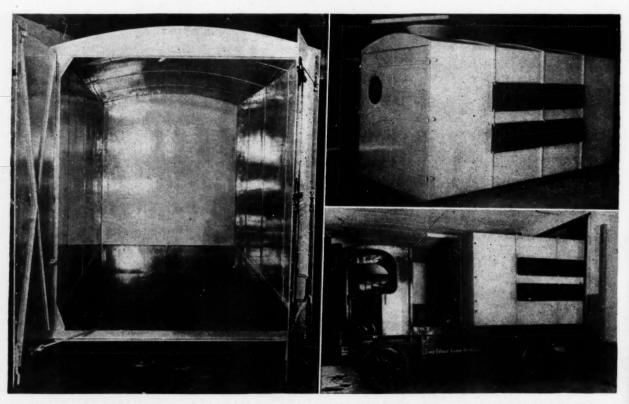
(To enable carrier to establish defense of limited liability for interstate shipment, it is essential that shipper either declared value or agreed with carrier as to released value of shipment at time contract of shipment was made.—

Id.)

(Fact that carrier's agent prepared and signed receipt for goods, which contained agreement as to released value, shippers knowing nothing of its preparation, and it not having been delivered to them until four or five months after shipment and loss of goods, held not a declaration or agreement as to value such as would sustain carrier's defense of limited liability.—Id.)

Steel Removable Motor Van Body Reduces Warehouse Payroll \$396 a Week

Invention by Brooklyn Storage Executive Is Granted Federal Patent and Will Be Made Available to Industry



Three views of the steel removable van body for household goods transport. Interior is painted white enamel, with floors gray, and is electrically lighted from storage battery of truck. The body is 13 feet long, 6 feet 6 inches high and 6 feet wide and weighs 2450 pounds. The electric truck is an open steel platform vehicle 13 feet 6 inches long and 6 feet 6 inches wide

HE Government Patent Office in Washington has granted to the Long Island Storage Warehouse, Brooklyn, a patent on a steel removable motor van body invented by the company's owner, Edward T. Jenkins, and designed to stop the idle time of the company's motor equipment during the busy moving seasons and to increase the volume of patronage without any proportionate advance in expenses.

Sixty of these steel bodies are now in use by the Brooklyn company and in due time the firm will go into production to the extent of making the invention available to warehousemen throughout the country.

THE bodies are built of steel plates of No. 12 and No. 14 gage, on channel and L-iron frames, and are each 13 ft. long, 6 ft. wide and 6 ft. 6 in. high, and weighs 2450 lb. They pass over swivelled roller and ball bearing steel castors of a carrying capacity of 6 tons.

Being smooth on the inside, the bodies require no side or end pads. Medium furniture pads are covering sufficient to prevent marring or scratching.

Interiors are painted white enamel, with floors gray, and are electrically lighted from the storage batteries of the trucks. Exteriors are painted battleship gray with three coats of spar varnish.

The truck, when the body is removed, is an open steel platform vehicle 13 ft. 6 in. long and 6 ft. 6 in. wide, with 6-in.

removable bodies in 1923 and operated them successfully and economically during subsequent months, formal announcement of the details—and of the fact that the Government granted a patent, covering twenty claims, last December—was made by Mr. Jenkins only at the recent Augusta convention of the National Furniture Warehousemen's Association.

Although the Long Island company built some of these

The illustrations shown above herewith were supplied to Distribution & Warehousing by Mr. Jenkins, who in his paper read at the Augusta meeting set down some of the following facts regarding his invention:

Mr. Jenkins, "for shipment of crated or other bulky merchandise."

The entire truck and the steel body are fireproof, the only wood being the spokes of the wheels. Mr. Jenkins said they are "absolutely germproof if the furniture pads are sprayed once a week with formaldehyde or other germicide and the bodies sprayed and kept clean."

rungs on the sides-ideal, according to

Comparing this truck and removable steel body with the stationary body van, Mr. Jenkins said:

"During the spring and fall rushes we competed three electrics with stationary body vans against three electrics with removable bodies. The stationary body vans averaged three loads; the removable body vans averaged seven loads. There was no preference as to orders.

"Our experience of nine months proves that, for storage work, four trucks with twenty-eight removable bodies will do more work than we can do with nine trucks with stationary bodies; and we could save the pay of twelve men. Twenty-seven men are needed on the nine stationary trucks—fifteen fewer men; but we added three men in the warehouse to help handle steel bodies, thus saving twelve men's wages, or \$396 a week.

"We are changing all of our equipment from stationary body vans to the new steel platform trucks and have increased our steel bedies to sixty.

"Another important item is this: we could reduce our cartage charges to and from warehouse from \$15 per van to \$10, or from \$7 per hour to \$5, and make more money and do more business than we

could by using double the number of stationary body vans.

"We find a great demand for the steel bodies from banks and other institutions. We are renting them just as fast as we can spare them, for \$192 a year.

"We find also that we have a great number of particular customers who insist on locking the bodies after their furniture has been loaded, and without any dispute as to the monthly rent. The idea that a family can lock their valuables in a safe deposit box appeals. We found it so last summer, when, with only thirty-eight steel bodies on hand, twentythree were locked by the renters, leaving us with hardly enough bodies to keep all of our trucks moving.

"We have found another important and labor saving item in the use of the locked body. We issue a receipt, 'One Bcdy, No. 100, locked by renter,' weight, quality and contents unknown, and all the labor required to place it in its designated place in the warehouse is that of three men taking five minutes in rolling it to its place. Just think; no unloading van, no piece numbering, no labor stacking furniture in rooms, no responsibility or claims for losses, no fear of petty stealing; and when the

renter wants the furniture delivered, it requires the labor of only three men five minutes to roll the body of the truck and it is on the way to the family's new home.

"Eighteen of the bodies have been delivered and far less damage has been reported than would have been the case if the furniture had been stored in the regular way, and every one of the eighteen renters says he will not store effects in any other way. We do very little house-to-house moving, but to those who do the removable body is a great saver of time.

"If you have one or two bodies in your warehouse, in addition to the one of the truck, you do the house-to-house move and, if the next load is for storage, roll the body off on the platform and roll a light body on the truck and in five minutes your truck is on its way to a new job, and your inside warehousemen unload the body at their leisure and the empty body is ready for the truck when it arrives again. This applies also to furniture out of storage; your room packers load the empty body ready for the truck. This will save a full hour in loading or unloading as compared with the present system."

Public Warehousing to Be Subject of Inquiry by National Chamber's Distribution Conference

Studies "Might Result in Developing Further Methods of Economy"

"It was shown that warehousing —particularly general merchandise warehousing — exhibits slight, if any, evidences of competition with any other factor in distribution. It bears a close relation to many methods of distribution through the frequent ease and economy with which stocks of merchandise for quick delivery may be maintained in many places at a distance from the original source of supply. In the opinion of the Conference, studies into the subject of warehousing might result in developing further methods of economy in distribution."

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THE foregoing is quoted from a statement issued by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States regarding the National Distribution Conference which was held in Washington in Janury. A review of the conference was published in the February number of Distribution & Warehousing.

The place which public merchandise warehousing takes in national distribution will accordingly be one of the subjects of the inquiry to be made by the National Distribution Conference's Committee No. 5, whose investigation is under the general heading "Methods of Distribution." This committee is headed by Dr. Melvin T. Copeland, director of

Harvard University's Bureau of Business research.

The other committee chairmen and the subjects which they will consider with relation to distribution are as follows:

Owen D. Young, chairman of the board of the General Electric Co. and a director of the national Chamber, and who has been identified prominently with the Dawes reparations negotiations in Europe, is expected to head Committee No. 1, which takes under advisement "Collection of Business Figures as a Means Toward Accomplishing Economies in Distribution."

A. Lincoln Filene of William Filene's Sons Co., Boston, heads Committee No. 2, considering "Trade Relations."

Stanley Resor, president of the J. Walter Thompson Co., New York, heads Committee No. 3, considering "Market Analysis, Advertising and Advertising Mediums"

Robert R. Ellis, Hessig-Ellis Drug Co., Memphis, heads Committee No. 4, considering "Expenses of Doing Business."

Hon. Sydney Anderson of Minnesota, former chairman of the Joint Commission of Agricultural Inquiry, heads Committee No. 6, considering "General Conditions Affecting Distribution."

"The purpose of this initial conference," says the statement issued by the

national Chamber, "was to discuss and learn the task which is before distributors to study their own problems. It was not their intention to meet and solve these puzzling questions by resolution or to attempt to find a cure-all. Rather it was desired to secure a consensus of opinion as to what are the most important problems and to lay plans for future work. The Conference will meet later in the year to receive reports of the special committees.

"A far-reaching task was outlined by the Conference for the committees which will take up the work in detail. This includes a survey of existing statistical sources and suggestions for a clearing house of statistical information to obviate duplication by those now engaged in such work; the analysis of trade practices and the devising of methods for correcting defects with a study of the functions of the various agencies of distribution now in existence.

"The interest displayed by the participants and the fact that the program was mapped out largely by themselves as they went along, together with the character of the personnel attending the Conference, constitute sufficient proof that an effort has been begun to study effectively the problems of distribution."

Billion-Dollar Warehouse Industry Is Indicated by 1925 Directory Figures

Statistics on Investment and Capacity Show Warehousing's Magnitude

INVESTMENT and capacity figures based on information supplied by executives of merchandise, household goods and cold storage executives and published in the 1925 Warehouse Directory (which appeared as part of the January, 1925, issue of Distribution & Warehousing) are set down in tables printed on the opposite page herewith and will serve to give men engaged in public warehousing some idea of the magnitude of their industry today.

These statistics were compiled for Distribution & Warehousing by H. A. Haring, author of a series of warehousing and distribution articles which began in the January issue and which will continue throughout the coming year.

It may be stated that the investment figures should tend to support a contention often heard—that "warehousing is a billion-dollar industry." In the approach to such a conclusion the following facts should be taken into consideration in view of the fact that the aggregate investment as shown in one of Mr. Haring's tables is \$508,566,923, or slightly more than a half billion:

First, of the approximately 3500 listings in the 1925 Warehouse Directory, about 3000 contain sufficient information for purposes of compiling statistics.

Second, of these 3000 companies, 523 neglected to make any reports regarding their warehousing investment.

By process of arithmetic it is worked out that the average investment of all companies which did report their investment figures is in the neighborhood of \$200,000. Carrying out this average for the 3000 companies, it would be possible to arrive at an estimate of \$600,000.

But it so happens that the 523 companies which did not make investment reports include some of the warehousing firms recognized as being among the financially largest in the United States—railroad storage

STATISTICS WANTED

HERE is made a painstaking effort, based on an accurate analysis of the contents of the 1925 Warehouse Directory, to give the public warehouse industry an intelligent idea as to just how big it is with relation to financial investment and space capacity.

H. A. Haring, compiler of the figures, set down in the accompanying tables, worked, it will be recognized, with information which was relatively limited.

That the information potentially available was not more nearly complete is the weakness of the warehouse industry itself. More than five hundred storage companies neglected to make the asked-for complete returns for the 1925 Warehouse Directory.

Our industry cannot learn its own magnitude unless the men in it cooperate individually when requested to supply statistics which, in the aggregate, would tell the story.

It is, however, possible for reasonably reliable estimates to be made when founded on figures voluminous to the extent to which they appear in the 1925 Warehouse Directory, and such estimates are set down, in this article, for the industry's consideration.

In giving such consideration to the actual figures and the estimates, storage executives are asked to keep in mind that at the close of the summer Distribution & Warehousing will begin the preparation of the 1926 Directory.

It is cooperation by men within our industry that makes the annual Directory worthy of our industry.

dence and Philadelphia; and important waterfront public storage properties in the New York metropolitan district.

All of these non-reporting companies indicated have investments far and away above the \$200,000 average. Some of these investments, indeed, run into the millions of dollars.

It may be conceded that the annual Warehouse Directory does not list all the public warehouse companies in the United States. The publishers do not claim that it does. Unquestionably there are many millions of dollars tied up in public storage properties of which there is no record in the Directory. The Directory endeavors to list all companies with which shippers and fellow warehousemen would wish to do business by reason of business integrity, financial stability and ample facilities. The Directory stands on that basis.

Adding, then, to the \$600,000,000 estimate arrived at in the foregoing, the unusually large investments of non-reporting railroad, waterfront and other properties, and adding also the investments of companies not listed in the Directory, it is believed that the average storage executive will not be inclined to quarrel with any calculation such as the one that the public warehouse industry is a billion-dollar one.

The warehousing investment of all public cold storage companies which reported for the Directory aggregates \$155,380,456. Mr. Haring writes to Distribution & Warehousing in this connection:

"A few warehousemen report combinations of merchandise storage and cold storage, without, of course, separation of capital between the two. By use of a tabulation of cold storage investment (available from a source other than the Directory) the cold storage totals have been segregated from the merchandise and household goods storage investments, with the result as stated—\$155,380,456 for the cold storage branch."

plants operated publicly in such cities as Cincinnati, St. Louis, Chicago, Minneapolis and Baltimore, to mention a few; big merchandise companies in Detroit, Newark, Proviusing

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Total Public Warehouse Investment Figures

(Covering Merchandise, Household Goods and Cold Storage Plants)

As Shown in 1925 Warehouse Directory

| State | Investment | State | Investment | State | Investment |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Alabama | . \$ 3,616,000 | Maryland | \$ 3,645,900 | Oregon | \$ 7,680,900 |
| Arizona | . 1,194,000 | | 25,249,300 | Pennsylvania | |
| Arkansas | . 557,500 | | 10,770,500 | Rhode Island | |
| California | | | 17.181.000 | South Carolina | |
| Colorado | | Mississippi | | South Dakota | |
| Connecticut | | Missouri | | Tennessee | |
| Delaware | | Montana | | Texas | |
| District of Columbia Florida | | | | Utah | |
| Georgia | | Nevada | | Vermont | |
| Idaho | | | 537,900 | Virginia | |
| Illinois | | | | Washington | |
| Indiana | | | | West Virginia | 3.967.500 |
| Iowa | 7,616,675 | | | Wisconsin | |
| Kansas | | North Carolina | | Wyoming | |
| Kentucky | . 5,961,500 | North Dakota . | | wyoming | 201,000 |
| Louisiana | | | | | |
| Maine | . 1,115,000 | Oklahoma | 2,961,000 | Total | \$508,566,923 |

Total Public Warehouse Capacity Figures

(Covering Merchandise, Household Goods and Cold Storage Plants)

As Shown in 1925 Warehouse Directory

| State | Merchan- dise Warehouse Capacity, Sq. Ft. | Household Goods Warehouse Capacity, Sq. Ft. | Combined Merchandis and House- hold Goods Warehouse Capacity, Sq. Ft. | e - Cold Storage | State | Merchan- dise Warehouse Capacity, Sq. Ft, | Household Goods Warehouse Capacity, Sq. Ft. | hold Goods Warehouse | e Cold |
|--|--|---|---|---|--|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| Alabama | 1,157,400 $69,800$ $217,800$ $6,824,035$ $519,050$ | $\begin{array}{c} 243,907 \\ 110,600 \\ 99,400 \\ 3,479,149 \\ 746,070 \end{array}$ | 1,401,307 $180,400$ $317,200$ $10,303,184$ $1,265,120$ | 1,000,000 $240,000$ $200,000$ $9,766,380$ $47,500$ | Nevada New Hampshire. New Jersey New Mexico New York | $\begin{array}{r} 32,000 \\ 67,100 \\ 3,827,729 \\ 7,500 \\ 22,370,278 \end{array}$ | 20,000 74,500 2,450,199. 30,925 7,579,807 | 141,600 | 9,920,000 150,000 56,865,475 |
| Connecticut Delaware Dist. of Columbia Florida | 630,350 $176,400$ $631,204$ $991,955$ | $\begin{array}{c} 735,300 \\ 110,100 \\ 919,000 \\ 226,400 \end{array}$ | 1,365,650 $286,500$ $1,550,204$ $1,218,355$ | 82,000 2,550,000 665,000 | North Carolina North Dakota Ohio Oklahoma | 1,282,645 $140,000$ $4,072,601$ $510,495$ | 321,460 143,000 3,617,100 421,836 | 1,604,105 283,000 7,689,701 932,331 | 43,350 12,006,900 1,186,000 |
| Georgia Idaho Illinois Indiana Iowa | 576,300 $196,910$ $10,066,183$ $1,877,360$ $1,169,550$ | $\begin{array}{r} 401,300 \\ 87,260 \\ 4,988,621 \\ 1,108,780 \\ 888,320 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c} 977,600 \\ 284,170 \\ 15,054,804 \\ 2,986,140 \\ 2,057,870 \end{array}$ | $262,000 \\ 306,561 \\ 28,217,902 \\ 2,069,900 \\ 948,913$ | Oregon Pennsylvania Rhode Island South Carolina South Dakota | 1,102,311 $8,148,230$ $783,400$ $616,500$ $130,240$ | 740,950 $3,938,247$ $196,800$ $35,625$ $147,124$ | 1,843,261 $12,086,477$ $980,200$ $652,125$ $277,364$ | 1,018,000 11,538,978 1,400,000 |
| Kansas Kentucky Louisiana Maine Maryland | 951,381 $1,075,808$ $1,384,548$ $149,000$ $3,543,653$ | 680,830 $333,748$ $314,110$ $194,000$ $516,136$ | 1,632,211 $1,409,556$ $1,698,658$ $343,000$ $4,059,789$ | $\begin{array}{c} 10,000 \\ 4,075,018 \\ 1,500,000 \\ 1,000,000 \\ 1,237,000 \end{array}$ | Tennessee Texas Utah Vermont Virginia | 873,050 $3,416,110$ $417,700$ $84,630$ | $\begin{array}{r} 835,550 \\ 1,671,465 \\ 179,200 \\ 30,000 \\ 545,629 \end{array}$ | 1,708,600 $5,087,575$ $596,900$ $114,630$ $2,134,802$ | 3,812,000 3,626,680 522,000 |
| Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota Mississippi | 17,165,854 $3,037,700$ $4,049,857$ $277,300$ | 2,917,110 $1,993,394$ $1,115,900$ $87,800$ | 20,082,964 $5,031,094$ $5,165,757$ $365,100$ | $\begin{array}{c} 20,177,160 \\ 3,406,500 \\ 4,624,922 \end{array}$ | Washington West Virginia Wisconsin Wyoming | 1,589,173 $2,267,122$ $413,675$ $702,118$ $18,000$ | 1,351,660 $443,200$ $797,210$ $43,000$ | 3,618,782 856,875 1,499,328 61,000 | 2,926,480 700,000 3,089,200 |
| Missouri Montana Nebraska | $\substack{2,776,331\\134,750\\959,212}$ | 2,283,384 $255,425$ $686,160$ | 5,059,715 $390,175$ $1,645,372$ | 14,290,617 2,740,554 | Total | 113,482,298 | 51,136,691 | 164,618,989 | 209,995,290 |

Capacity

As shown in another of Mr. Haring's tables, the aggregate space operated by those merchandise and household goods warehouse companies which reported their capacities for the 1925 Warehouse Directory is 164,618,989 square feet. This is divided into 113,482,298 square feet of merchandise space and 51,136,691 square feet of household goods space.

Cold storage warehouse companies were asked to express their capacities in terms of cubic area. Fewer than ten cold storage plants of importance failed to report this information. The total of the reporting companies is set down in the table as 209,995,290 cubic feet. Commenting on this situation, Mr. Haring writes:

"This total cold storage capacity of 209,995,290 cubic feet perhaps permits a check on the thoroughness of the Warehouse Directory. The Department of Agriculture has been in the habit each year (in October) of compiling a record of cold storage capacities, but in 1924 did not make the attempt owing to need of retrenchment in expenses. The last such compilation is, therefore, that of October, 1923, about fourteen months

prior to the issuing of the 1925 Warehouse Directory.

"That October, 1923, report makes the total of public cold storage capacities to be 205,935,992 cubic feet, to which ought to be added a portion of those houses which are 'combined public and private' and those 'meat packers who do also some public storing.' Few, if any, of the meat packers' houses are listed in the Directory, but in order to get at a comparison we should take account of the 'combined public and private' cold storage capacities, whose total capacity is 46,312,511 cubic feet.

Leading States

I N the amount of investment actually reported for the 1925 Warehouse Directory, New York leads the States with approximately \$124,000,000. Illinois ranks second and California third, followed in order by New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Ohio, Missouri, Minnesota and Nebraska.

In the total merchandise and household goods space, taken together, as actually reported, New York again stands ahead with Massachusetts second and Illinois third, followed by Pennsylvania, California, Ohio, New Jersey, Minnesota, Texas, Missouri.

In the total exclusively merchandise

space actually reported, New York leads, with Massachusetts second and Illinois third, followed by Pennsylvania, California, Ohio, Minnesota, New Jersey, Maryland and Texas.

In the total exclusively household goods space actually reported, New York is first, with Illinois second and Pennsylvania third, followed by Ohio, California, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Missouri, Michigan and Texas.

In the total exclusively cold storage space actually reported, here also New York ranks at the top, with Illinois second and Massachusetts third, followed in order by Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, California, Minnesota and Kentucky.

Would Exempt from Taxation Shippers' Stocks in Public Warehouses in New Jersey

Bill Is Introduced in State Legislature to Amend Present Law Permitting County Boards to Assess Goods in Storage

BURDENED by a handicap of loss of business through taxation of shippers' stocks stored in public storage plants, merchandise and cold storage warehouse companies in New Jersey have had introduced into the Legislature of their State a bill which if enacted would exempt such goods from assessment when stored in public warehouses.

"This would give approximately

252,000,000 cubic feet as the maxi-

mum that the Directory could hope to

list. This should, in turn, be reduced

by 8,500,000 or 9,000,000 cubic feet

to correspond with storages which

were closed during 1924 as being un-

profitable-leaving thus something

like 243,000,000 cubic feet as the most

the Directory could list. It actually lists about 210,000,000 cubic feet of

reported capacity. If other cold stor-

ages, listed but without reports of

capacity, had given their figures the

Directory would have published a

very satisfactory approximation to

the totals for this branch of the in-

The measure, House Bill 408, amends the present New Jersey taxation law by striking out the provision which permits the assessors of the several counties to impose such taxes.

The bill is sponsored by the New Jersey Merchandise Warehousemen's Association, recently organized for the specific purpose of endeavoring to lift the handicap in its members' own interests and on behalf of manufacturing companies and other storers who place goods in public warehouses in New Jersey. In some counties the assessors tax also household goods in storage in public warehouses, and the newly-formed State body has enlisted the support of the New Jersey Furniture Warehousemen's Association, which at its monthly meeting at Newark on Feb. 18 went on record favoring the bill and promising to work with the merchandise warehousemen in bringing about its enactment.

D. R. Crotsley, president of the New Jersey Merchandise Warehousemen's Association, addressed the furniture warehousemen's meeting in Newark and reviewed the situation. The New Jersey taxing law, he pointed out, was a long-standing one under which all personal property within the State may be taxed. In certain counties, notably Essex and Hudson, which contain respectively Newark and Jersey City, the county assessing boards prescribe taxation; in

some of the other counties the assessors do not do any taxing of this character.

The effect in the counties where the taxation is enforced, Mr. Crotsley said, was to drive storage business out of New Jersey commercial warehouses for about three months each year—prior and subsequent to the taxing date, Oct. 1. Many storers, he explained, during that period placed their goods in warehouses in New York and trucked them across the Hudson River on ferries to the New Jersey side, in order to escape paying taxes in New Jersey.

Three years ago commercial warehousemen in Newark and Kearny began holding monthly meetings at which the situation was discussed. At that time, and since, protests to local taxing boards proved unavailing. Subsequently a number of the warehousemen decided to retain an attorney, Joseph G. Wolber of Newark, to prepare a bill, these warehousemen intending to join in financing the effort.

This led to a call to merchandise and cold storage warehousemen throughout New Jersey to meet. They assembled on Jan. 14 and organized the new State association, subsequently expanding until seventeen companies in seven cities were members. Meanwhile Assemblyman J. Glenn Anderson, Essex County, introduced House Bill 408 in the Legislature, and late in February the bill was in the hands of the Legislature's tax committee.

At the Newark meeting on Feb. 18 Mr. Crotsley told the furniture warehousemen that New York and Pennsylvania assessors do not tax shippers' goods in warehouses and that enactment of the bill was essential if New Jersey warehousemen were to compete success-

fully with warehousemen in the adjoining States. He said that any loss which New Jersey assessors would suffer through the proposed exemption would be more than offset by taxation obtained in other ways through the development of public warehousing in New Jersey and through larger volume of business coming to New Jersey if storers knew their goods would be free from taxation.

At the organization meeting on Jan. 14 the New Jersey Merchandise Warehousemen's Association elected officers as follows:

President, D. R. Crotsley, vice-president Lehigh Warehouse & Transportation Co., Inc., Newark.

First vice-president, Eno Campbell, secretary Campbell Stores, Hoboken.

Second vice-president, Frank W. Stokes, manager Newark Warehouse Co., Newark.
Secretary, Frank Stoecker, traffic man-

ager Passaic Transportation Co., Passaic.

Treasurer F S Shafer traffic man-

Treasurer, F. S. Shafer, traffic manager Essex Warehouse Co., Newark.

Other companies which are members of the association are the Commercial Warehouse Co., Newark; Elasticap Company, Jersey City; Eldredge Express & Storage Warehouse Co., Atlantic City; Merchants Refrigerating Co., Jersey City, Newark and New York City; National Cold Storage Co., Inc., Jersey City and New York City; Newark Bay Terminal Co., Newark; Paterson Storage Co., Paterson; Security Storage Warehouses, Harrison; Shupe Terminal Corp., Newark and Kearny; South Jersey Warehouse Co., Camden; Thomas J. Stewart Co., Jersey City and New York City; Union Terminal Cold Storage Co., Jersey City.

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WITH THE ASSOCIATIONS

Officers and Committee Chairmen of Trade Organizations of the Warehouse Industry Are Invited to Contribute News to This Department

National Furniture Warehousemen's Association

Summer Convention at Mackinac

THE National Furniture Warehousemen's Association will return to the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, Mich., for its next annual meeting, which will be held probably during the week begining Monday, July 6.

This decision was reached by the National's board of directors when they assembled during the association's semi-annual convention at Augusta, Ga., in January. Ralph J. Wood, secretary, had written to the directors in advance and sixteen out of nineteen favored Mackinac. California put in a bid through the Pacific Coast Furniture Warehousemen's Association, which invited the association to meet at Los Angeles, but the directors voted to defer at least for another year the holding of a convention in the Far West.

It was at Mackinac that the National was organized, in the summer of 1920, and two other annual conventions have since been held there. One summer the association went to Bigwin Island, Canada, and last year's meeting took place at Charlevoix, Mich.

New Members

At the Augusta convention the directors brought the National's membership to a total of 725 by electing the following companies:

Brock Van & Storage Co. (formerly California Fireproof Storage Co.), Glendale, Cal., and Los Angeles.

Donelson Storage & Transfer Co.,

Jamestown, N. Y. Glendale Fireproof Storage Co., Glendale, Cal. James H. Little is proprietor.

Goodman Warehouse Corp., Jersey City, N. J. Samuel Goodman is president and Nathan L. Goodman is secretary.

Frank A. Gorecki, Inc., Englewood, N. J. Joseph M. Abrams is president.

Kedney Warehouse Co., Inc., Minneapolis. Fred S. Kedney is president and Charles F. Kern is secretary.

Kinhart Transfer & Storage Co., Mason City, Iowa.

A. G. Milan Transfer & Storage Co., Sheffield, Ala.

Nelson Storage & Van Co., Chicago.

Page Fireproof Storage, Tulsa, Okla. R. W. Page is president and J. Van Voorhees is secretary.

Red Line Transfer & Storage Co., Inc., Des Moines, Iowa. Frank Berg is president and L. E. Forbes is secretary.

Wertz Warehouse Co., Reading, Pa. James O'Rourke is president and E. J. Morris is secretary.

Wiggins Transfer & Storage Co., Spartanburg, S. C.

A number of other applications were either rejected or held over for further consideration.

May Alter Southern District

The National's directors at their Augusta meeting gave consideration to a suggestion that the association's southern division be rearranged so as to place Virginia, now in the southern, in the eastern district, and Arkansas, now in the southern, in the central district. It was decided to have the central, southern and eastern divisional vice-presidents—S. C. Blackburn of Kansas City, William I. Ford of Dallas and Walter E. Sweeting of Philadelphia—make an inquiry to determine the wishes of the Virginia and Arkansas member companies.

The directors voted to dispense with the March meeting of the board, in the interest of economy, and they will not meet again until they assemble at Mackinac in July.

Corrections

The line "Assoc: NFWA (Application pending October, 1924)," in the listing of the Economy Transfer & Storage Co., Memphis, Tenn., on page 416 of the annual Warehouse Directory (January, 1925, issue of Distribution & Warehousing) should be deleted. At the National directors' meeting at Augusta the membership application of the Economy company, was rejected.

company was rejected.

The symbol "NFWA" in the listing of the Artificial Ice & Fuel Co., Waterloo, Iowa, on page 162 of the annual Warehouse Directory should be deleted. The symbol was inserted in error, the Artificial company not being an N. F. W. A. member.

New Portland Office

The Portland (Ore.) Draymen & Warehousemen's Association has removed to 704 Dekum Building from the Chamber of Commerce Building. Clyde T. Spooner, manager, has installed his headquarters in the new office.

American Warehousemen's Association

Dues Explained

I N the first bulletin issued by the merchandise division of the American Warehousemen's Association following discontinuance of the organization's monthly publication the schedule of dues for A. W. A. members—arranged as result of the merger with the Central Warehousemen's Club last December—is announced as follows:

| Up to 50,000 sq. ft | |
|---------------------------|-----|
| 50,000 to 80,000 sq. ft | 50 |
| 80,000 to 150,000 sq. ft | 75 |
| 150,000 to 400,000 sq. ft | 100 |
| More than 400,000 sq. ft | |

The bulletin explains:

"In order to balance the budget, initial dues, arrived at by the foregoing schedule, are raised 50 per cent.

"Example 1. A warehouse operating 40,000 sq. ft. for merchandise only would fall in the \$35 class basis. This is raised 50 per cent, making the dues for the year \$52.50.

"Example 2. A member operating 200,000 sq. ft., of which 150,000 is merchandise and 50,000 is household goods, the total operation of 200,000 sq. ft. falls in the \$100 class basis. Of this sum 75 per cent or \$75 is allocatable to merchandise and 25 per cent or \$25 to household goods, in proportion to the space operated. The \$75 allocatable to the merchandise division is raised 50 per cent to \$112.50; there is no change in rate in the household goods division over last year. Hence the total dues in this case would be \$112.50 plus \$25, or \$137.50.

"If a member operating more than one class of storage elects to affiliate with but one division, then dues are assessed on the total space operated, regardless of class of storage.

"Foreign members are assessed on a basis equal to 50 per cent of the schedule for domestic members, with a minimum charge of \$25.

"Where more than one class of space is operated, the basic amount is prorated among the divisions in accordance with the percentage of space operated, as under Example 2, and the merchandise division's share thereof is then raised 50 per cent.

"Forwarding companies are assessed \$125 as heretofore, of which the mer-

chandise and household goods divisions share equally."

Notes

It is formerly announced by J. Edgar Lee, president of the merchandise division, that Chester B. Carruth has been retained by the division to act as actuary. Formerly cost finding expert for the Massachusetts Warehousemen's Association and later for the Illinois Association of Warehousemen, Mr. Carruth has long been identified with warehousing, particularly in cost finding studies and research work. His office has been located at 1610 First National Bank Building, Chicago.

As a result of the consolidation of the A. W. A. and the C. W. C. the merchandise division gained 54 new companies and now has a membership of 418.

The Wiggins Transfer & Storage Co., Spartanburg, S. C., has been elected to membership in the merchandise division.

Household Goods Handbook

The handbook committee of the household goods division is preparing a volume, which it hopes to publish during the current year, on household goods warehousing in the United States.

According to the committee's chairman, Clarence A. Aspinwall, Washington, D. C., in his report submitted at the A. W. A.'s Chicago convention, the work involves considerable research and the gathering of a large amount of data and considerable original inquiry in time studies of operation, and included in the book will be valuable material which has been scattered through the proceedings of warehousing associations during the past quarter century. An exhaustive index will be provided.

It is estimated that the expense of preparing and publishing the book will amount to approximately \$3,300 and the book will sell at \$5 or \$7.50, with one

copy sent free to each household goods division member if the division's finances permit it.

It is intended to cover all phases of the furniture branch, including packing, cartage, cold storage and shipping and the book will contain several hundred pages. The first chapter will deal with the history and growth of household goods warehousing and will be followed by chapters on selections of site, building design and construction, organization, accounting, recording, receiving and stowing goods, taking orders, estimating, forms, cartage, packing, shipping, cold storage, vault storage, carpet cleaning, statistics, rates, wages and hours of labor, welfare schemes, insurance and the industry's future.

The book will appear with Mr. Aspinwall as author.

Transfer & Storagemen's Assoc. of Grand Rapids

Emerson Elected President

AT the annual meeting of the Transfer & Storagemen's Association of Grand Rapids, Mich., held in January, C. M. Emerson, treasurer Richards Storage Co., was elected president.

E. M. Radcliffe, owner Radcliffe Storage Co., was elected secretary for the twenty-first consecutive time.

Andrew De Groot of A. De Groot & Sons was chosen first vice-president, and Martin Gelock of the Gelock Transfer Co., second vice-president.

Maryland Furniture Warehousemen's Assn.

Officers Reelected

THE Maryland Furniture Warehousemen's Association held its annual meeting at Baltimore and reelected officers for 1925 as follows:

President, George D. Magruder, president, Graham's Storage Warehouse Co.

of Baltimore City.
Vice-president, L. A. Naylor, president,
Monumental Storage & Carpet Cleaning
Co., Baltimore.

Secretary-treasurer, C. J. Hamilton, vice-president, Security Storage & Trust Co., Baltimore.

On Feb. 11 the Maryland association entertained local railroad and steamship agents and warehousemen from other eastern cities at a banquet and entertainment at the Hotel Rennert in Baltimore. Dr. H. M. Carter of the Resinol Chemical Co. was toastmaster and talks were made by W. H. Protzman, Philadelphia; Charles A. Charde, New York; Charles S. Morris, New York, and by

George D. Magruder



Reelected president Maryland Furniture Warehousemen's Association

President Magruder and Secretary Hamilton of the local association. On behalf of the organization Mr. Hamilton presented Mr. Magruder with a silver pitcher suitably inscribed.

"Price Cutting and Price Cutters" was the subject of the address by Mr. Morris, an N. F. W. A. past president, whose remarks included the following:

"The public has an erroneous idea that price agreement is a conspiracy against the consumer. Exactly the contrary is true. Price chaos eventually injures the consumer and meanwhile prevents the honest business man from rendering his best, and encourages that cheat—the price cutter.

"Cut-throat competition is the ruination of any business into which it enters. Cut-throat competition is based on ignorance; ignorance of ethics, ignorance of your duty to your competitor, ignorance of your responsibilities to the craft of which you are a part, ignorance of cost of production, ignorance of the actual expense of running a business and many other ignorances which can be cleared away only by an association and

Kansas City Warehousemen's Association

J. A. Groves Reelected

THE Kansas City Warehousemen's Association at its annual meeting, held on Jan. 16 at the Kansas City Club, reelected as president John A. Groves, president Groves Storage Warehouse Co., Inc., and as secretary William Crooks, local general manager Crooks Terminal Warehouses.

William A. Sammis, secretary Central Storage Co., was elected vice-president in charge of the merchandise division; Howard Lathrop, operating executive Lincoln Fireproof Co., vice-president in charge of the household goods division; and E. M. Dodds, general manager Kansas City Cold Storage & Warehouse Co., vice-president in charge of the cold storage division.

the dissemination of the proper ideas of business conduct by such association. . . .

"Stabilize your rate and you stabilize your business. Your discourage the shopper who plays one man against another. Sell on a basis of service, and competition, still keen, stays clean."

Mr. Morris said that the household goods warehouseman was no longer a furniture mover only, but was "a department store of service."

New Jersey Furniture Warehousemen's Assoc.

Officers Reelected

AT the annual meeting of the New Jersey Furniture Warehousemen's Association, held at Newark in January

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with seventy members and guests attending, all the officers were reelected, as follows:

President, Willard Eldredge, president Eldredge Express & Storage Warehouse Co., Atlantic City.

First vice-president, George Sebold, vice-president Weimar Storage & Trucking Co., Elizabeth.

Willard Eldredge



Reelected president New Jersey Furniture Warehousemen's Association

Second vice-president, Frederick Petry, Jr., president Petry Express & Storage Co., Trenton.

Treasurer, Griswold B. Holman, secretary George B. Holman & Co., Inc., Rutherford.

Secretary, Frank J. Summers, Model

Storage Warehouses, Inc., Newark.

As directors, E. E. Leach, operating executive E. E. Leach, Inc., Montclair, was elected for three years and the following were reelected: Walter W. Hoffman, proprietor Hoffman Express & Storage Warehouses, Ridgewood; Norman M. Hotchkiss, president Summit Express Co., Inc., Summit; William T. Bostwick, president Thomas J. Stewart Co., Jersey City; Daniel Ruder, president Daniel Ruder, Inc., Ironbound Storage Warehouses, Newark; Leslie W. Bell, president Bell Storage Co., Camden; and Richard, Jr., owner Richard Coyne Storage Warehouses, East Orange.

The banquet held after the business meeting adjourned was attended by 112 persons.

New York Furniture Warehousemen's Assoc.

W. R. Wood Again President

THE New York Furniture Warehousemen's Association re-elected officers, at its annual meeting, held in January, as follows:

President, William R. Wood, secretary Liberty Storage & Warehouse Co., Manhattan.

Vice-president, Ernest H. Milligan, treasurer Lee Brothers, Inc., Manhattan. Secretary, William T. Bostwick, presi-

dent Thomas J. Stewart Co., Manhattan. Treasurer, Grant Wayne, manager West End Storage Warehouse, Manhattan.

Owing to the association's growth it was decided to increase the number of directors from six to nine and to elect for three-, two- and one-year terms instead of exclusively one-year terms as heretofore. Directors were chosen as follows:

Three years-Albert Fink, secretary L. Fink & Sons Aetna Storage Warehouses, Inc., Brooklyn; George Kindermann, president Julius Kindermann & Sons, Inc., Manhattan; Charles S. Morris, president Metropolitan Fireproof Warehouses, Inc., Manhattan. Two years Barrett C. Gilbert, vice-president Gilbert Storage Co., Inc., Manhattan; William A. Meikleham, vice-president Manhattan Storage & Warehouse Co., Manhattan; Louis Schramm, Jr., manager Chelsea Fireproof Storage Warehouses, Inc., Mount Vernon. One year-C. J. Fyans, manager T. J. O'Reilly Storage Warehouse Co., Manhattan; Walter C. Reid, vice-president Lincoln Safe Deposit Co., Manhattan; Wilbur J. Whelen, secretary Atlantic Storage & Warehousing Co., Brooklyn.

The association elected two new members—Arrow Storage Warehouse and Standard Storage Warehouse, both in Manhattan. It was announced that the Ansonia Storage Warehouse Co., Manhattan, had resigned because retiring from the warehouse business.

With these changes, the New York body has a membership of 78 companies, with one application pending, according to Mr. Bostwick's report as secretary. This represents a net gain of four members during the previous year. The average attendance at meetings during the year, he said, was 64.

Mr. Bostwick in his report commented that business declined during 1924 and so it behooved the members to avoid slashing rates during 1925.

Ethical Procedure

The association adopted a resolution authorizing the preparation of a code of ethical procedure, covering such points as one member taking goods from another's warehouse without advance permission. The uniform methods committee will draw up the text.

President Wood in his report said business had not been as good as previously, for two reasons—first, public demand for service was not as great; second, competition was greater and this had led to tearing down of stability through price cutting, at a time when taxes were increasing and overhead was not decreasing. He added:

"The business outlook for 1925 is bright. We should take advantage of this and uphold the price structure."

Reporting later as chairman of the

cost and accounting committee, Mr. Wood urged more general use of the N. F. W. A. accounting system, stating that about 6 per cent of the National's membership already had adopted it.

The problem of training apprentice packers was again discussed. George Kindermann recommended an \$18 weekly wage. Discussion brought out that the

William R. Wood



Reelected president New York Furniture Warehousemen's Association

Benevolent Association of the Van Owners' Association considered this wage too low. It was decided to leave to the directors, for action, a suggestion that the association work with the Benevolent in arriving at a wage and in instituting a system of training packers.

Mr. Milligan, in his report as chairman of the insurance committee, outlined in detail the changes of the past year affecting coverage in which furniture storage companies are interested, including compensation, general liability, elevator liability, automobile liability, teams liability, plate glass, fire, income, legal liability and transit. He said there was a tendency on the part of insurance companies to recognize the warehouse industry as being entitled to reduced automobile liability rates. Regarding fire coverage, he stated that with the large volume of premiums and with the experience of the members, warehousemen were entitled to some relief and that the committee was working to that end.

A number of out-of-town warehousemen were called on for talks, including E. G. Mooney, Hartford, president of the Connecticut Warehousemen's Association; Willard Eldredge, Atlantic City, and Frank J. Summers, Newark, respectively president and secretary of the New Jersey Furniture Warehousemen's Association; C. G. Wightman, Philadelphia, secretary of the Pennsylvania Furniture Warehousemen's Association, and Walter E. Sweeting, Philadelphia, an N. F. W. A. director.

-K. B. S.

Ohio Warehousemen's Association

W. Lee Cotter Reelected

THE Ohio Warehousemen's Association held its annual meeting at the Athletic Club in Columbus on Jan. 29 and re-elected officers as follows:

President, W. Lee Cotter, Mansfield, head of the Cotter chain of warehouses in Ohio.

Vice-president, E. H. Lee, secretary

H. C. Lee & Sons Co., Toledo.
Secretary, Harry Foster, treasurer
B. & O. Fifth Street Warehouse, Cincinnati.

Treasurer, W. R. Kissick.

Subjects discussed at the meeting included competition, Public Utilities Commission control, developing new business, claim experience, general conditions affecting the industry, packing, wages, inter-city moving and long distance hauling, motor equipment operating costs and taxes.

Pacific Coast Furniture Warehousemen's Assoc.

Group Insurance

THE proposal to form a group compensation insurance body composed of members of the Pacific Coast Furniture Warehousemen's Association was unanimously approved by the central division

members at their January meeting.

The speaker of the evening was T. W. Jacobs, California district manager for the Lumbermen's Reciprocal Association. the company offering the furniture warehousemen this form of compensation coverage. Mr. Jacobs told of the excessive rate paid by the lumbermen of Texas on their compensation insurance, resulting in the formation of the company which he represents and which today handles premiums amounting to more than \$100,000,000.

With such a tremendous volume of business the lumbermen are enabled to extend their facilities for this form of insurance to other lines of business, Mr. Jacobs explained. A charge of 10 per cent, plus a reinsurance charge of 2 per cent, is levied, making a total cost to the policy holder of 12 per cent on his premium for the service. The remaining 88 per cent is used to pay losses and the balance left after losses have been met is returned to the members on any sort of a reciprocal arrangement.

The objection that such insurance would not cover losses in excess of the premiums paid in, as might occur by catastrophe, etc., Mr. Jacobs answered by pointing out the two per cent clause in the policy, used to purchase reinsurance, protecting against any conceivable

-H. H. Dunn.

W. Lee Cotter



Reelected president Ohio Warehousemen's Associa-

Pennsylvania State Warehousemen's Assoc.

Officers Reelected

STRONG spirit of cooperation was evident among the members at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Warehousemen's Association, held at the Union League Club, Philadelphia, on Jan. 20. A feature of the session, which followed a noon luncheon with twenty-nine members and guests attending, was an address by Chester B. Carruth, warehouse cost analyst, who is actuary for the American Warehousemen's Association, on "Scientific Rate Making." The Pennsylvania organization's officers were reelected, as follows:

President, Philip Godley, proprietor, Godley's Storage Warehouses, Philadel-

Vice-president, John B. S. Rex, president, Rex & Co., Philadelphia.

Secretary and treasurer, Robert L. Spencer, Pittsburgh, warehouse superintendent, Pennsylvania Railroad Co.

Directors were chosen as follows: Merchandise division, H. A. Bietenduefel, superintendent, Duquesne Warehouse Co., Pittsburgh; McCormick Dawson, president, Williamsport Storage Co., Inc., Williamsport, and Mr. Godley. Cold storage division, J. A. Mooney, manager, Industrial Cold Storage & Warehouse Co., Philadelphia; Harry C. Reber, president, Reading Cold Storage & Ice Co., Reading; C. L. Schaub, secretary, Union Storage Co., Pittsburgh.

President Godley's report included a summary of the accomplishments of the Hoover simplification of warehouse forms conference at Washington last September.

Mr. Bietendeufel announced he had asked Robert Haight, manager of the legislative bureau of the State Chamber of Commerce, whether he knew of any pending legislation looking toward State control of the warehouse industry and had been informed that no such legislation was in prospect.

The Terminal Warehouse Co., Philadelphia, was elected to membership.

Mr. Carruth was then introduced. He said that in Boston, ten years ago, there was a group of warehousemen who had raised the slogan, "Get the Business," regardless of what rate was being charged. They were all losing money because, while they were handling a large volume of business, their rates were exceedingly low. About the middle of June, 1915, he said, they decided to stop fighting, bury the hatchet and get together. Out of this determination grew the Boston Warehousemen's Association, which in time became the present Massachusetts Warehousemen's Association.

The members held monthly meetings and tried to improve rates, calling in a prominent engineering corporation and two auditing companies, telling them to put the industry on a money-making ba-These companies went into the warehouses, analyzed the income and expenses and determined what the warehouses must get per square foot to be profitable. They built up a system whereby the members could determine on profitable rates, the warehousemen put the system into operation, and conditions began to improve.

Early in 1918 a bureau of information was opened for the purpose of determining costs, to which bureau members forwarded their cost statistics relating to productive labor. The results showed that costs were high. As to overhead expenses, these sometimes ran, in the cases of different warehouses, into notably high figures. One warehouse, for instance, had 125 per cent overhead for 1918; for 1919 it reached 138 per cent, and later than that it has been even higher. Mr. Carruth stated that it has been found that overhead figures vary in different warehouses and that they also vary in the same warehouse under

After Three Years

different conditions.

At the end of three years enough data had been available to form a basis for rates. After careful analysis separate divisions were made for bags, bundles, rolls, boxes, kegs, tubs, barrels, ingots and so on. The Boston men first took bags and classified them into high density bags, such as those for beans, flour, rice and the like, of approximate density, and low density bags, such as those for cotton and wools, and made various subdivisions of the different divisions formed.

Mr. Carruth illustrated the variable nature of the Boston rates, on the different commodities, by means of a graph. The cost relationship was shown between the different types of bags and packages with regard to density and weight. Then they worked out a classification whereby they could make a definite storage basis and a definite handling basis of rates, taking into consideration payroll costs, overhead and profit, and put this system into operation.

The result of the work in Massachusetts, Mr. Carruth asserted, has been such that the association meetings have 0

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fostered a spirit of cooperation and confidence, every member having profited financially. Since the scientific rate system, based on relativity of costs, has been installed, all the warehouses in the association, he said, have made money; whereas before that, they lost. Of course, he explained, during periods of depression some losses naturally have occurred, but these have been due to lack of business.

Another group of warehousemen, in Illinois, Mr. Carruth continued, about

Philip Godley



Reelected president Pennsylvania State Warehousemen's Association

the same time formed an association along lines somewhat similar to those of the Massachusetts body, with the difference that, while in Massachusetts the members now use a uniform classification, in Illinois they go even further and work absolutely on a uniform storage rate basis. All the members use the same tariff, he said.

The Illinois warehousemen made money during the war and then came the post-war depression. Handling-rates were not based on definite knowledge.

Chicago's Tariff No. 9

Just prior to April, 1923, the Chicago warehousemen, said Mr. Carruth, took up the question of handling costs and, at their request, Mr. Carruth instigated a handling-cost investigation in several warehouses, covering a period of three months. While this investigation could not be as thorough as that in Massachusetts, enough information was obtained to form a working basis and to verify the fact that there was a definite relationship between handling costs in Chicago and Boston.

The result of the Chicago investigation was the basis for the new Chicago tariff No. 9, which is predicated on a revenue basis of 7½ cents per square foot per month, at a wage rate of 52 to 53 cents per hour, an average overhead of 200 per cent, and a small allowance for profit. The tariff went into operation in July, 1924.

The Chicago warehousemen hold monthly meetings, the members standing together for rates and talking over their problems together. They "get the business" and the warehouse industry in that city is in better condition than at any other point in the country.

Mr. Carruth told that how, after completion of his duties in Chicago, at the request of Mr. Bietenduefel, he went to Pittsburgh to give the Duquesne Warehouse Co. a plain statement of facts as he found them. The company mentioned, he said, was operating under an old tariff, doing a good business, but having no relationship between the rates on different commodities. Mr. Carruth instituted a cost study of both storage and handling rates here, extending over a period of two months.

Handling Costs

The first step was to install a method of determining handling-costs, and this was done by keeping an accurate record of the number of men and the time consumed in each operation. Next, the amount of occupiable floor space on which goods could be actually stored was ascertained, and handling rates were arrived at which included labor costs, overhead expense, plus the overhead used in Chicago and an allowance for profit. Storage rates also were determined by similar scientific methods and a new tariff was compiled, which will be put into effect in the near future.

Mr. Carruth took occasion to observe that when warehousemen cut rates they not only injure their own business but that of warehousemen generally. The only salvation, he said, for the warehousemen was to "stick together" and demand the rates to which their expenses and investment entitle them.

Cold Storage Tariff Soon

At the conclusion of the address President Godley thanked Mr. Carruth on behalf of the association. Mr. Carruth replied that he was present through the courtesy of the American Warehousemen's Association. In conclusion he pointed out that warehousemen who consistently cut rates cannot continue in business. He cited the case of the cold storage men in Chicago who had gone out of business by reason of ruinous competition and stated that the cold storage industry in Chicago today was going on a uniform basis and soon would publish a tariff.

President Godley introduced T. E. Witters, vice-president and general manager of the Baltimore Fidelity Warehouse Co., Baltimore, who is the "father of the warehousing encyclopedia." Mr. Witters stated that the salient features of Mr. Carruth's talk were embodied in the encyclopedia "Warehousing General Merchandise," published by the A. W. A. He added that Mr. Carruth had been instrumental in compiling the encyclopedia. He stated further that it was intended to issue a supplement thereto in the near future.

-K. H. Lansing.

Pennsylvania Furniture Warehousemen's Assoc.

Yearly Convention

A PARTICULARLY snappy business session followed by a dinner and entertainment evidencing the best of comradeship marked the eighth annual meet-

Frederic E. Aaron



Elected president Pennsylvania Furniture Warehousemen's Associ-

ing of the Pennsylvania Furniture Warehousemen's Association at the Hotel Lorraine, Philadelphia, on Feb. 10. About 100 members and guests attended the routine session in the afternoon and approximately 170, including many from other cities, were present at the evening banquet and show. At the business meeting the following officers and directors, all of Philadelphia, were elected:

President, Frederic E. Aaron, proprietor Powelton Storage House.

Vice-president, Robert Wallace, treasurer Wallace Storage & Carpet Cleaning Co.

Secretary (reelected), Charles G. Wightman, vice-president Atlas Storage Warehouse Co.

Treasurer, Frederick L. Harner, secretary Fidelity Storage & Warehouse Co.

Directors, two years—Buell G. Miller, president Miller North Broad Storage Co.; LeRoy K. Smith, owner Globe Storage; Joseph P. Carson, Philadelphia general agent Trans-Continental Freight Co. One year—George A. Emig, secretary Atlas company; Charles Graham, Graham's Storage Warehouse; Arthur T. George, president 20th Century Storage Warehouse Co.

A new method was carried out in the election. The officers were unanimously chosen, the ticket having been arranged at the January meeting. This year the secretary's office, by the election of a treasurer, is relieved of the dual duties.

The meeting was called to order at 4 p. m., with W. H. Protzman in the chair. His report as retiring president showed that during 1924 attendance at the monthly meetings exceeded that of any previous year, attesting increased interest in the organization's activities. Plans presented by the rate committee had not been adopted, although its members had worked hard in the preparation. The president thanked the association for its support for the past two years and mentioned that he did not intend to be inactive in the organization after his retirement from office. The association, he said, had big things to accomplish and he urged cooperation of the membership with the officers and committees and thanked the committees for their varied activities during the year. He said he wished to leave the thought that the association members should work in even closer cooperation, and accord the committee more support and to hold even a higher sense of responsibility, service and ethics toward the incoming administration.

No State Control

Vice-President Aaron reviewed the work of his office and urged that during the coming twelve months the membership in general subscribe more readily to the association's code of ethics.

The report of Secretary-Treasurer Wightman showed there are fifty members in the association, twenty-five of whom are located in Philadelphia; that during the past year three members were added and two dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues; that the committee on collective purchasing had accomplished a great deal of good, and that a revision of the constitution and by-laws of the association soon would be distributed among the members.

Robert Wallace, reporting as chairman of the committee on laws and legislation, said that with the Pennsylvania Legislature now in session there were likely to be measures presented requiring prompt action on the part of the association. He mentioned two bills fathered by the Home Furnishers' Association in which the committee could find nothing objectionable. He said that C. M. Sweard, representing the Home Furnishers' Association, had assured him that that organization would not present any bills objectionable to the warehousemen. The bills spoken of are as follows:

Legislation

1. Making it a misdemeanor for the keeper, owner, proprietor, or any person in charge of any storage house, warehouse, second hand store, or pawnshop to remove, sell, dispose of, or permit to be disposed of any pianos, phonographs, furniture, or other goods or chattels of any person when such keeper, owner, proprietor or person in charge shall have been notified of claim of title of such articles by any other person, firm, corporation, or association, and providing a penalty of \$50 fine for violation.

2. Requiring the keeper, owner, proprietor or any person in charge of any storage house, warehouse, second hand store, or pawnshop to keep a record of places to which any pianos, phonographs, furniture, or other goods or chattels of any person are removed and to disclose the same to anyone claiming title thereto, and providing a penalty of \$50 fine for failure, neglect, or refusal to do so.

These bills, said Mr. Wallace, had been offered to compel some warehousemen—not members of the Pennsylvania association—to help the installment houses locate goods that have been leased and moved and sometimes stored without their consent.

Mr. Wallace called attention to the decision handed down by the Federal Supreme Court, in January, in the case of the Michigan Public Utilities Commission and others against the Duke Cartage Co. (See page 36 of February issue of Distribution & Warehousing.)

"As our fellow member, James F. Keenan, has for some years past advised," said Mr. Wallace, commenting on the decision, "it is most important that the warehousemen state in their circulars and contracts that they act as private carriers and reserve the right to choose the persons to whom they shall render service."

Joseph P. Carson, for the transportation committee, reported that the committee had investigated a number of cases during the year, principally along the lines of packing when for carload shipment, which, it was hoped, would lead to a better understanding among the railroads, agents, clerks and warehousemen, as well as others who pack household goods for rail shipment. He said the committee had been working on the proposition at the same time that the traffic committee of the National Furniture Warehousemen's Association was making a nation-wide investigation of the same subject through the American Railway Association. Reports, he said, showed that similar ideas and conditions exist all over the United States-namely, that household furniture, when loaded as a carload, can be accepted with practically no boxing, crating, or even wrapping. Contemplated wording in the description, in conjunction with packing requirements, he said, might eliminate much of the misunderstanding.

Although motor truck transportation by rail had been extended to a great many points, Mr. Carson said, it was not the belief of the committee that this plan had been fostered with the idea of competing with the trucking companies, but rather to relieve the operating department at terminals where congestion was greatest, and for economy, the committee understanding that some local freight can be moved more economically by truck than by rail.

Walter E. Sweeting submitted the report on uniform methods. After expressing the belief that the hourly rate some day would be generally adopted in Philadelphia, he referred to the order form to safeguard against lawsuits in case of serious loss and said he believed the hesitancy to adopt the new form in Philadelphia was owing to local warehousemen not seeing the necessity for it. He told how other cities, such as New

York, had to pay heavy storage for goods stored without contract, and he urged that local warehousemen adopt a standard form for all contracts.

William R. Wood, president of the New York Furniture Warehousemen's Association, described the uniform standard forms in use among the members of his association, saying that 90 per cent of the members used them today.

Insurance

In submitting the report for the insurance committee Frederic E. Aaron said the committee had studied many forms of transit policies, mentioning some of them and a number of advantages claimed for them. Following Mr. Aaron's report F. B. Cramer, representative of Cass & Johansing, Los Angeles insurance brokers, in charge of their multiple line storage and transit policy arranged for and approved by the National Furniture Warehousemen's Association, described and explained the policy, which is the same as that offered at the National's convention at Augusta. Mr. Cramer expressed his thanks for the cooperation extended to him and his company. The policy can be written for no warehouse that is not a member of the N. F. W. A.

F. L. Harner, for the committee on labor, reported that labor had been quiet during the past year and that there had been no substantial changes in wages.

Reporting for the cost accounting committee George A. Emig told how the N. F. W. A. had completed an efficient system of cost accounting, saying the Pennsylvania association had gone on record as favoring the system evolved by the National. The report urged the need of adopting accurate records in every department-storage, moving and packing -adding that two Philadelphia firms already had installed the N. F. W. A. sys-The report concluded by urging the members to give thought to the important matter of knowing costs accurately. The new P. F. W. A. president, Mr. Aaron, widely known in Philadelphia and New York and called "the Deacon of the Warehousemen" by his colleagues, made a few brief remarks when called on, assuring the members of his hearty cooperation in their aims and endeavors.

The other officers followed suit and the meeting was then adjourned for the social part of the program in the Chelsea Room of the hotel.

-K. H. Lansing.

Southern Warehousemen's Association

Reorganization Plans

REPRESENTATIVES of merchandise and household goods storage companies in twenty-one cities from Virginia to Louisiana and from Kentucky and Tennessee to Florida assembled in a parlor of the Bon Air-Vanderbilt Hotel in Augusta, Ga., on

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Jan. 21 at the call of the Southern Warehousemen's Association and laid plans for reorganizing the body on a broader scale. They were in Augusta in connection with the semi-annual convention of the National Furniture Warehousemen's Association, and the Southern association's officers—E. M. Bond, president, and D. R. Benedict, secretary—took the occasion to call together all of the men and women storage executives of the South who attended as N. F. W. A. delegates, regardless of whether they are members of the Southern association.

Sectional Body Needed

After speeches and discussion covering several hours it was the consensus of the Southerners that the South needs a strong trade association and it was voted to put new life into the Southern Warehousemen's Association, which has been functioning, since it was formed in 1923, somewhat spasmodically because of lack of that character of support which warehousemen have been giving to their trade bodies in other sections of the country.

The men and women who attended the Augusta meeting assured Mr. Bond and Mr. Benedict that they would cooperate in building the Southern—by backing the officers, by paying annual dues, by attending conventions, and in other ways.

The past effort to have the association hold monthly meetings in the various Southern cities was abandoned. Instead, the Southerners will hold three meetings each year—one an annual affair, to take place in the spring, and the other two in connection with national conventions.

The next annual meeting will be held on April 20 and 21 at Atlanta, selected as a centrally located Southern city. When the N. F. W. A. assembles at Mackinac Island, Mich., in July the Southern association's members who attend will have a gathering of their own to consider the South's warehousing problems. When the American Warehousemen's Association holds its annual convention next December the Southern's members will meet again. The Southerners plan to hold meetings every year in connection with the summer convention of the National and the annual meeting of the American, and will hold their own annual convention beginning on the third Monday of April.

In the states represented at the Augusta meeting — Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missispipi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia—the Southern Warehousemen's Association has a strong membership nucleus. There are 37 companies which are members of the N. F. W. A., 35 others which belong to the A. W. A., and 19 others which are identified with both of the national organizations. Four others are members of the Southern Warehousemen's Association without belonging to either the American or the National, and 4 others belong to the Alabama Transfer & Warehousemen's Association

without being connected with the National, American or Southern. In addition, there are approximately 125 merchandise and household goods storage companies which are not identified with any of the trade organizations.

Thus in the eleven states the Southern has a potential membership of more than 200 companies engaged in the furniture and merchandise branches of the industry.

Mr. Bond, who is president of the E. M. Bond Fireproof Storage Co., Nashville, Tenn., presided at the Augusta meeting, and Mr. Benedict, manager of the Knoxville Fireproof Storage Co., Knoxville, was secretary. Talks were made by various members, prospective members and others including Mrs. M. L. Brandon, owner Brandon Transfer & Storage Co., West Palm Beach; T. F. Cathcart, president Cathcart Van & Storage Co., Atlanta; George Delcher, president Delcher Bros. Storage Co., Inc., Jacksonville; Mrs. F. G. Crabtree, Crabtree Transfer & Storage Co., Inc., Chattanooga; William Gallagher, president Gallagher Transfer & Storage Co., Inc., New Orleans; James H. Hollingsworth, owner Hollingsworth Warehouse, Augusta; Frank R. Palmateer, president Fidelity Fireproof Storage, Los Angeles, representing the Pacific Coast Furniture Warehousemen's Association; W. Fred Richardson, president W. Fred Richardson Security Storage Co., Inc., Richmond; J. P. Ricks, owner Ricks Storage & Distributing Co., Jackson, Miss.; C. G. Smith, president Union Storage & Warehouse Co., Charlotte, N. C.; J. M. Walker, president O. K. Storage & Transfer Co., Memphis, New Orleans and Louisville; W. D. Wilkinson, president Carolina Transfer & Storage Co., Charlotte, N. C., and Kent B. Stiles, editor Distribution & Warehousing, New York.

The twenty-one cities represented at the Augusta meeting are, Atlanta, Ashville, N. C., Augusta, Birmingham, Charleston, W. Va., Charlotte, N. C., Chattanooga, Jackson, Miss., Jacksonville, Knoxville, Louisville, Memphis, Montgomery, Nashville, New Orleans, Raleigh, N. C., Richmond, Va., Savannah, Shreveport, La., Tampa and West Palm Beach. Fla.

Discussion brought out that one of the purposes of effecting a strong Southern body is the formulating of a rate guide, and that Henry Reimers, executive secretary of the N. F. W. A., will travel in Southern cities to promote the growth of both the Southern and the Nettonal

-K. B. S.

Wisconsin Warehousemen's Association

O. W. Kreutzer, President

THE annual meeting of the Wisconsin Warehousemen's Association was held at the Blatz Hotel in Milwaukee on Jan. 9 and officers for the new year were elected as follows:

President, O. W. Kreutzer, secretary United Fire Proof Warehouse Co., Milwaukee.

Vice-presidents, Sam C. Eisendrath, secretary Lincoln Fireproof Warehouse Co., Milwaukee; H. G. Rummel, secretary Milwaukee Cold Storage Co., Milwaukee; Walter A. Moore, president Boulevard Fireproof Storage, Inc., Milwaukee.

Secretary, Guido G. Hansen, president Hansen Storage Co., Milwaukee. Treasurer, Andrew Matson, proprietor

Racine Storage & Transfer Co., Racine.

The convention, attended by about twenty representatives of Wisconsin's warehouse companies, discussed the need of a law similar to that under which the industry operates in Minnesota, and it was decided to invite George Hamley, president of the Colonial Warehouse Co., Minneapolis, to address the Wisconsin executives regarding the working of the Minnesota law. Mr. Hamley subsequent-

Toronto Cartage & Warehousemen's Association

ly accepted the invitation.

Yearly Convention

THE ninth annual meeting of the Toronto Cartage & Warehousemen's Association was held in the Canadian city on Jan. 13, and officers were reelected as follows:

President, J. R. Jefferies, Active Cartage.

Vice-president, J. H. Warren, vicepresident, M. Rawlinson, Ltd.

Secretary, George E. Pattison, Pattison company.

An executive committee was chosen, comprising the three officers and W. J. Pickard, president, and W. Pickard, vice-president, of W. J. Pickard, Ltd.; Charles McMillan, president, McMillan & Co., Ltd., Cartage & Storage; F. A. Magee, secretary, City Storage, Ltd.; R. A. Abraham, Mounce Co., Ltd., and P. G. Heyward, Heyward's Cartage Co.

President Jefferies in his report touched on rates, legislation, liens and warehouse receipts. The secretary's report by Mr. Pattison showed the association to have thirty-three active and three associate members. It was voted to hold the annual picnic on July 18.

George Heads 20th Century

At a recent meeting of the board of the directors of the 20th Century Storage Warehouse Co., Philadelphia, Arthur T. George, vice-president, was elected president and secretary. As president he succeeds George H. Borst, who was made chairman of the board. William H. Protzman, formerly secretary and treasurer, was elected vice-president and treasurer.

GROSS PRESIDENT OF CANADIAN ASSOCIATION

THE Canadian Storage & Transfermen's Association held its seventh annual meeting at the Hotel Vancouver, Vancouver, British Columbia, on Jan. 15-17 and elected officers as follows:

President, F. D. Gross, president Campbell's Security Fireproof Storage & Moving Co., Ltd., Vancouver.

First vice-president, George S. Peacock, secretary Regina Cold Storage & Forwarding Co., Ltd., Regina, Saskatchewan.

Second vice-president, George H. Chadwick, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Treasurer, J. O. MacCallum, manager Saskatoon Cartage & Warehouse Co., Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Secretary, E. A. Quigley, Vancouver. Directors representing the various Provinces were chosen as follows:

Alberta—Charles W. Leonard, president Western Transfer & Storage, Ltd., Edmonton, and W. R. J. Oneil, Calgary.

British Columbia—W. Dalton, secretary Campbell's Security Fireproof Storage & Moving Co., Ltd., Vancouver, and Fred Crone, president Crone Storage Co., Vancouver.

Manitoba—P. G. Denison, Winnipeg, and I. M. Winslow, president Security Storage & Warehouse Co., Ltd., Winnipeg.

Ontario—J. H. Warren, vice-president M. Rawlinson, Ltd., Toronto, and C. F. B. Tippet, president Howell Warehouses, Ltd., Toronto.

Quebec—J. B. Baillargeon, president J. B. Baillargeon Express, Ltd., Montreal, and Edward Quinn, Montreal.

Saskatchewan—H. France, Moose Jaw, and H. A. Knight, president Regina Cartage Co., Ltd., Regina.

Among the seventy-five delegates from Canada, the United States and Great Britain was E. Ames, managing director of the Gaze Kane Co., Ltd., officially representing the Furniture Warehousemen and Removers' Association, England.

Green a Federal Advisor

A. L. Green, special representative of the American Railway Association and who has cooperated with the National Furniture Warehousemen's Association and the American Warehousemen's Association in campaigns to stimulate better packing of household goods for rail shipment, has been appointed a member of the domestic packing advisory board of the Transportation Division of the United States Department of Commerce. Mr. Green has been a familiar figure at warehousing conventions during the past few years.

New San Diego Company

The McClintock Storage & Warehouse Co. has been organized at San Diego, Cal., and is constructing the first unit of its planned \$300,000 fireproof warehouse and brokerage building on Kettner Boulevard and B Street. The first unit, of reinforced concrete, will be 100 by 100 feet, six stories and basement, and will cost \$150,000. The second unit will duplicate the first.

The new company has absorbed the Prudential Storage & Moving Co. of San Diego and is headed by H. R. McClintock as president. S. S. Porter is vice-president, C. C. Temple is secretary-treasurer, and C. C. Hiatt, who was the Prudential's manager, is operating manager of the new company.

Half the ground floor of the new warehouse will be devoted to office space and the balance to packing, receiving, shipping and handling. Dealers and brokers engaged in jobbing will have offices on the second floor. The other floors will be devoted to storage.

Texas Cuts Warehouse Force

Twenty-one employees of the Texas Markets and Warehouse Department have been dismissed as the first step toward a general reorganization which is in line with the administration's announced policy of retrenchment and economy. In mentioning the decrease in the personnel, W. D. Cowan, Commissioner in charge, said:

"We believe that the policy adopted will enable the department to turn back to the State treasury, for the last six months of our fiscal year, approximately \$15,000. Cuts of the personnel in the various divisions and consolidations of duties, where deemed advisable, have been made with both efficiency and economy in mind; and, after having carefully gone over the situation from every angle, I am convinced that the public will receive as good service as heretofore and that no divisions of the work will be allowed to suffer."

Bekins Co. Builds in Fresno

The Bekins Van & Storage Co., Fresno, Cal., has begun construction of a sevenstory steel reinforced concrete fireproof depository, 200 feet by 150 feet, at Monterey Street and Van Ness Avenue, to cost approximately \$125,000.

The front of the first floor will accommodate the company's offices and the rear will be equipped for loading and unloading trucks. The six upper floors will be used for storage.

"Advices from our Eastern shipping offices," according to Floyd R. Bekins, Fresno manager for the company, which has warehouses in various Pacific Coast cities, "are to the effect that there is a decided increase in inquiries about California, and we expect a heavier westward movement of settlers to add to the increasing California business."

Pioneer Company Builds

The Pioneer Warehouse Co., San Diego, Cal., has completed a \$175,000 addition containing 65,000 square feet of floor space. The structure is of concrete and steel with brick facing and is tapped by railroad spur tracks.

COAST BODY ELECTS A. J. GATTER PRESIDENT

ARTHUR J. GATTER, warehouse and storage manager of the Birch-Smith Furniture Co., Los Angeles, was elected president of the Pacific Coast Furniture Warehousemen's Association at the organization's annual convention held at the Saint Catherine Hotel at Avalon, Catalina Island, Cal., Feb. 19-21. About 100 members attended. Mr. Gatter succeeds W. G. Dickinson, president of the Lambert Transfer & Storage Co., Seattle.

Harvey B. Lyon, secretary of the Lyon Fireproof Warehouses, Oakland, was chosen first vice-president; Henry M. Burgeson, secretary of the Wilshire Fireproof Storage Co., Los Angeles, second vice-president; and Raymond A. Chapin, president of the Portland Van & Storage Co., Inc., Portland, third vice-president.

F. M. Brock of the Brock Van & Storage Co., Los Angeles, was elected secretary, defeating Rodney S. Sprigg, manager of the Premier Fireproof Storage Co., Los Angeles, by a large majority. Grant Orth, owner of the Orth Van & Storage, Pasadena, Cal., who has been treasurer for a number of years, was reelected to that office.

The convention was devoted largely to such subjects as methods of operation, advertising and publicity, legislation, cost accounting, insurance, reciprocal relations and technical discussions of truck operation. More than forty papers were presented. A minstel show and banquet and a golf tournament furnished the entertainment.

(Note: The foregoing was received by telegraph by Distribution & Warehousing from its Pacific Coast correspondent, H. H. Dunn, of Berkeley. A more detailed report from Mr. Dunn will appear in the April issue.—Ed.)

Kansas City License Act

The city council of Kansas City has enacted an ordinance providing licensing of all persons, firms and corporations engaged in the moving and transfer business. Each is required to register, and to show name and address on every wagon or truck. For furniture and miscellaneous moving a six-months' license is necessary.

The Kansas City Furniture Movers' Association, which sponsored the ordinance, has promised cooperation to the city officials in the enforcement of the law and probably will have a man in the field checking licensed and non-licensed vehicles.

Kansas City Business Good

The first two months of 1925 were the best, from the standpoint of volume of distribution through warehouses, in the history of some of Kansas City's commercial storage plants, according to statements made by several of the company's executives, and inquiries toward the end of February indicated continued good business.

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rooms of furniture without stopping to pack or unpack it.

Bekins Van & Storage Co., San Francisco, operate this Autocar in novel lift van service

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Mr. Reed J. Bekins recently wrote the Autocar Direct Factory Branch in San Francisco as follows:

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G. F. SHEPHARD, WAR-TIME ARMY STORAGE MAN, DIES

GEORGE F. SHEPHARD, a New York merchandise warehouseman who was Port Storage Officer for the Port of New York during the World War and who in that position handled millions of dollars' worth of supplies and foodstuffs from the Brooklyn Army Base destined overseas to Europe for the American Expeditionary Force, died suddenly on Dec. 4 after an illness of a few days. He would have been thirty-four years old on Dec. 12.

Mr. Shephard was president of the Shephard Warehouses, Inc., which he established in 1920, and which was incorporated three years later, and was a member of the Warehousemen's Association of the Port of New York.

For ten years, during which his father, the late George H. Shephard, was iden-

George F. Shephard



Mr. Shephard was Brooklyn Army Base Port Storage Officer during the war

tified with the Pioneer Fireproof Storage Warehouses, Brooklyn, George F. Shephard was with the Pioneer, and he became the company's general manager upon the father's death in July of 1916.

In July of 1918 Mr. Shephard was sent for by the Navy Department and asked to take charge of the consolidation of all of that Department's scattered offices into the new buildings at Potomac Park, Washington, D. C. He agreed to do this without surrendering his position with the Pioneer company in Brooklyn, and the Washington work was said to be the largest single moving job ever handled in the United States. This activity occupied from July to October and was carried through successfully.

Army Service

During the course of this work Mr. Shephard made his decision to resign from the Pioneer company and enter war service. In November of 1918 he was commissioned second lieutenant in

the United States Army and because of his warehousing and moving experience was assigned as Port Storage Officer of the Port of New York.

NEWS

In 1919 the Government requested his services in Washington and he was sent there to handle the movement of the Army Department into its Potomac Park quarters—a job comparable in size with his earlier work for the Navy Department. During the same year he again went to Washington and moved the War Risk Insurance Bureau.

Late in 1919 and early in 1920 Mr. Shephard wrote a number of articles, for Distribution & Warehousing and other magazines, containing valuable information regarding wartime storage developments at the Brooklyn Army Base and in Washington.

In February of 1920 Mr. Shephard returned to civil life and after a lapse of several months organized the Shephard Warehouses, Inc. He fought the game when the merchandise storage business was at relatively low ebb and had just begun to get the better of things when he was taken ill. At the time of his death a big job which he was supervising—the moving of the Equitable Life Assurance Society to its new building in Seventh Avenue—was about 75 per cent completed.

G. B. Crossett Dies

George B. Crossett, a pioneer moving van man of the Oranges, New Jersey, died recently at his home in East Orange, aged sixty years.

Sage Co. to Handle Wool

A bonded warehouse for Pueblo, Colo., seems assured with the recent purchase by the Sage Transfer & Storage Co. of another building—formerly a factory occupied by the Colorado Bedding Co. The new home of the warehouse company gives it 8000 more square feet of floor space than was available in its old quarters. The building consists of three floors and basement 132 by 60 feet, with an ell 40 by 50 feet. It is of open mill construction and is sprinkler-equipped throughout.

There is an especial need of a bonded warehouse in Pueblo to handle wool. Approximately 7,000,000 pounds is produced in Colorado annually, and approximately 5,000,000 of this passes through Pueblo en route to eastern markets. A large proportion of the 16,000,000 pounds of wool that Utah raises and the 7,000,000 pounds that Nevada clips pass through Pueblo. Much of this wool would be held in bond in Pueblo if there was some place to store it and receive the warehouse receipts given by bonded warehouses. As it is, most of the wool that is stored for higher prices is held at Kansas City or Chicago. There has been a demand for a bonded warehouse in Pueblo to handle the commodity, and the Sage company apparently will fill the need. N. W. Duke, president, says the firm probably will install woolscouring equipment later.

F. C. KING OF SYRACUSE DIES AFTER OPERATION

FRED CURTIS KING, president of the King Storage Warehouse, Inc., Syracuse, N. Y., and widely known in the public storage business, died in the Syracuse General Hospital on Jan. 10, a few days after he had been operated on for appendicitis. Mr. King was a member of the American, National, New York State, Central New York and Canadian warehousing association and was a familiar figure at the industry's conventions. The New York Furniture Warehousemen's Association at its January meeting in New York City voted to send a resolution of sympathy to the family.

Born in Lafayette, N. Y., fifty-nine years ago, Mr. King was educated in the schools there and went to Syracuse in 1888 as manager of the Farmers' Exchange. In 1897 he started in the ware-

Fred Curtis King



Mr. King was president of the King Storage Warehouses, Inc.

house business as an individual, specializing in the storage and transfer of farm implements. This line of business in time gave way to the larger and more important one of the storage and distribution of merchandise and food products, and the storage and handling of household goods developed naturally.

Some time after organizing Mr. King took into partnership two of his sons—Ray M. King, now the company's treasurer, who is president of the New York State Warehousemen's Association, and Earl S. King, now superintendent. In 1919 the company was incorporated.

Mr. King was the inventor of the King steel shipping case and organized the company which markets the product.

The deceased was a Mason and a member of the local Chamber of Commerce and was identified with other fraternal and civic bodies and was interested in philanthropic work. He is survived by his wife, Carrie; three sons, Ray M., Earl S. and Fred C.; two brothers, two sisters and four grandchildren.

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HELEN E. SMITH IS NOW MERCER CO. TREASURER

HELEN E. SMITH, who was executive secretary of the former L. T. Crutcher Warehouse Co. of Kansas City, became treasurer of the Mercer Transfer & Storage Co., Burlington, Iowa, on Feb. 1.

Miss Smith has had fourteen years of experience in the public storage warehouse business. As an official of the Crutcher company she frequently attended various warehousing conventions as a representative of that firm. She was prominent as a worker in Kansas City's Women's Chamber of Commerce.

Helen E. Smith



Returns to public warehouse industry as treasurer of Mercer Transfer & Storage Co., Burlington, Iowa

In her new position Miss Smith returns to, her former home. She is the daughter of the late Frank Smith, once assistant general manager and superintendent of Burlington's street railway properties.

In announcing the retaining of Miss Smith as his company's treasurer, G. W. Mercer, president, made known that he is planning to erect a new warehouse.

Columbus Company Expands

The Merchandise Storage Company of Columbus, Ohio, has taken over a warehouse at Vine Street and Fair Alley at a gross rental of \$1,167,000 for 99 years. Option to purchase for \$250,000 after April 1, 1944, is included in the terms.

Would Amend Ohio Law

A determined effort will be made at the present session of the Ohio Legislature to amend the Freeman-Collister law, as it affects the operation of motor trucks for hire, in such a way as to relieve the trucking industry from the heavy and discriminatory license fees which are required under that law. The Legislature convened on Jan. 12 for its bi-annual session and already the program to be followed to make the required changes in the law has been formed.

The Ohio Association of Commercial Haulers, together with other trade associations, are backing the legislative program. Owing to a recent decision of the Ohio Supreme Court, which upheld the constitutionality of the law as it referred to the method of calculating horsepower rating, it is necessary to have a number of changes written into the law to make it acceptable to the motor truck and haulage industry.

E. J. Stover, secretary of the Ohio Automotive Trade Association and allied organizations, has been selected to head the legislative committee to fight for changes in the law.

New Los Angeles Company

In the new metropolitan warehouse and industrial district of Los Angeles a modern storage plant is being erected for the Western Warehouse & Transfer Co. Investment in building, lands and equipment involves about \$150,000. The warehouse will be 110 by 225 feet, on Anderson Street north of East Fourth Street, and the company has taken an option on adjoining property with a view to building thereon subsequently. The warehouse now under way will be used largely for storage of flour and food.

The company hopes to occupy the building about May 15. Recently organized, the Western is headed by George F. Schneider as president. W. J. Maxey is vice-president, Judge Dana R. Weller is secretary and R. T. Smith is treasurer. The company is capitalized for \$125,000.

B. L. Burke Again Honored

B. L. Burke, president of the Rock Island Transfer & Storage Co., Rock Island, Ill., has been re-elected president of the local Chamber of Commerce.

Honolulu Company Incorporates

The City Transfer Co., of Honolulu, Hawaii, has been granted articles of association under which it becomes the City Transfer Co., Ltd., authorized to carry on an expressage, haulage, storage and packing business at 80 South King Street. Capital stock consists of \$20,000, with the privilege of extending the amount to a sum not exceeding \$100,000.

H. J. Ancill, a partner in the former firm, has been elected president, and D. M. Moncrief, another partner, secretary-treasurer. Mayme Nelson is vice-president and H. K. Ashford is auditor.

John Becker Incorporates

John Becker, who has been operating as a household goods warehouseman as an individual in Cleveland since 1914, has organized the John Becker Moving & Storage Co., which has been chartered with an authorized capital of \$15,000 to operate and maintain warehouses for storage and do a general transfer business. The incorporators are Mr. Becker, and Elmer P., Emilie M., Barbara A. and Hulda C. Becker. Mr. Becker is a member of the National Furniture Warehousemen's Association and the Cleveland Furniture Warehousemen's Association.

HOUSTON CO. PLANS A \$3,100,000 WAREHOUSE

PLANS are being drawn by a New York firm of architects for a \$3,100,000 warehouse structure which the Houston Terminal Warehouse Co., Houston, Tex., plans to erect on the site of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad Co. The building will have 730,000 square feet of floor space and is expected to be completed by next January.

The structure will be in two units, seven stories in height, and will be of concrete and brick reinforced with steel. It will contain 1,000,000 cubic feet of refrigeration space for handling vegetables, grape fruit and other perishable

The south side of the building will be occupied by the railroad for handling inbound and outbound freight and the railroad will have offices on the second floor. The railroad company has taken a section of the stock, which aggregates \$600,000 worth of preferred, \$300,000 worth of common, and \$1,750,000 worth of serial bonds bearing 6½ per cent interest.

Trucking space around the building will accommodate 100 vehicles at a time. Through the main section will extend a series of five tracks for the loading and unloading of 75 cars at one time. It is stated that additional ground has been obtained to the west of the site for other buildings as may be needed. The present properties of the railroad are to be taken over through a 99-year lease, with the railroad by agreement using part of the building.

Obituary

Solomon Fechheimer, secretary of the Lincoln Warehouse & Van Co., Chicago, died on Dec. 17, 1924. He had been with the Lincoln company for eleven years and was a brother of Frederick Fechheimer, a former member of the firm.

J. H. Schiller, secretary of Herder's Fire-Proof Storage & Van Co., Chicago, died recently.

Mrs. Margaret Blyler Powell, wife of Joseph W. Powell, Jr., president of the Cold Spring Storage Co., Inc., Buffalo, died on Jan. 10, aged thirty-five years.

Bart Finn, proprietor of the North Denver Transfer & Storage Co., Denver, was found dead in the company's barn on Feb. 19. He was 60 years old.

White Truck Price Lower

Price reductions ranging from \$250 to \$300 were announced on the light duty models of the White Motor Co., Cleveland, effective Feb. 1. The two %-ton and the two 2-ton trucks are the ones affected, the reductions being attributed to factory expansion and improvement in manufacturing methods.

R. V. Weicker a Bank Director

Robert V. Weicker, president of the Weicker Transfer & Storage Co., Denver, has been elected a member of the board of directors of the Bank of Commerce of that city. sing

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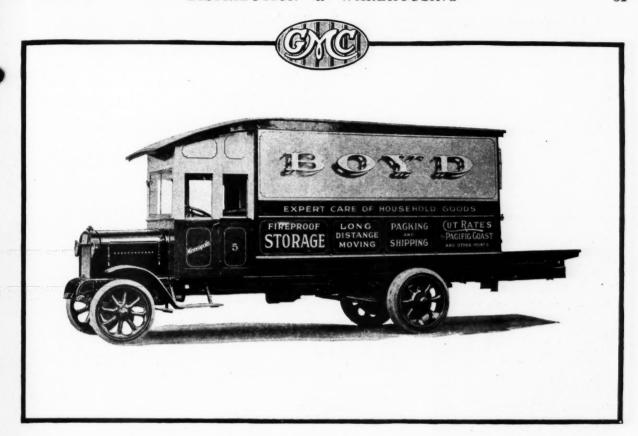
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C. D. & A. Transit Co., Cleveland. Authorized capital, \$10,000. To transport freight by motor vehicles between Cleveland and Akron and Detroit. Incorporators, B. Edwards, D. W. Morgan, E. A. Hodges, A. P. McNeal and William E. Parker.

Francis Cartage Co., Cleveland. Authorized capital of 25 shares, no par value. To operate warehousing and hauling business. Incorporators, R. H. Fulton, Frank G. Mooney, L. L. Nichols, L. R. Davis and O. E. Shaw.

Manufacturers Storage Co., Canton, Ohio. Authorized capital, \$2,500. Incorporators, Celsus Pomerene, Thomas M. Miller, Clara Hermann, Mary Blackburn and Bertha E. Wang.

William Friderick Moving Co., Cleveland. Authorized capital, \$10,000. Incorporators, William H. William, Pauline E. Sophia and S. J. Friderick.

William Keinat Piano & Furniture Moving Co., Cincinnati. Capital, \$10,000. Incorporators, Joseph L. Adams, Edwin G. Becker, F. W. Richt, L. J. Siegler and Arthur H. Fix.

Youngstown Cold Storage Co., Youngstown, Pa. Capital stock, \$1,000,000. Directors, W. L. Bascom, Charles Morhle and G. F. Hammond.

Bay State Truck Rules

New rules and regulations affecting transportation of personal property by motor vehicle over the highways of Massachusetts, except those under the control of the Metropolitan District Commission of Boston, became effective Jan. 1.

They demand marking and certifying of every motor vehicle engaged in the carrying of personal property. The owner's name must be clearly marked on either side of the vehicle, and the vehicle must have its weight without load in pounds and its registered carrying capacity in tons of 2000 pounds plainly marked on each side of the body in letters and figures not less than three-fourths of an inch in height.

The operator must carry a certificate of the weight of the vehicle, signed by a sworn weigher, which shall upon request be open for inspection of any police inspector.

A bill of lading must be carried by any operator carrying personal property beyond the limits of any city or town, excepting operators licensed as hawkers or pedlars.

Loads are limited on certain highways, particularly in the Cape Counties. Also the carrying capacity shall not exceed the capacity for which such vehicle is registered. The speed is regulated in accordance with the carrying capacity of the vehicle. If the capacity is more

than two tons, the vehicle shall not exceed 15 miles an hour, or 20 miles per hour if less than two tons.

Daniel Again Honored

C. C. Daniel, president of the Central Storage Co., Kansas City, has been reelected president of Kansas City's Central Industrial District Association, which he helped organize about a year ago.

NEW WAREHOUSE WILL HOLD 3,800 MOTOR CARS

THE La Salle Storage Co., Chicago, has begun construction of an automobile warehouse which the company's officers say will be the largest exclusive building of its kind in the United States. The new storage plant is being erected at La Salle and Twenty-fifth Streets, three blocks from the company's present automobile warehouse on La Salle Street.

According to I. Slavin, general manager of the company, the new warehouse will add 240,000 square feet to the organization's automobile storage room and provide sufficient space for the housing of 3800 motor vehicles.

The present building can handle a maximum of 3000 cars, says Mr. Slavin, so that by April 1, when the new structure is expected to be ready for occupancy, it is estimated that the commany will be prepared to shelter a total of 6800 motor vehicles in the two warehouses.

One of the outstanding conveniences in connection with the new plant will be a seven-car free railroad switch which will eliminate the necessity of leaving motor cars out in the weather during transfer from railroad cars to the warehouse. The building is to be of the mill-sprinklered type, with access to its four floors obtained by use of large especially constructed elevators.

The company feels that the construction of the new warehouse, exclusively for accommodation of the automobile trade, will give Chicago additional facility for housing motor vehicle stocks of local dealers.

Turner Retains Slogan

The offer by the Turner Moving & Storage Co., Denver, of \$100 for a more acceptable slogan than the company's present one—"The World Moves, So Does Turner"—came to naught. The prize has been divided between two contestants, each of whom advised "Keep your old slogan," and that is what the company has decided to do. Thousands of suggestions were received from Denver's public.

Change of Name

The Fisher Terminal Warehouse Company is the new name of the firm which was known as the Fisher Warehouse, operated by the Baden Investment Co., Salt Lake City, Utah.

CONSTRUCTION, REMOVALS, PURCHASES AND CHANGES

Brock Van & Storage Co. is the new name of the California Fireproof Storage Co., Los Angeles and Glendale, Cal. The company is preparing plans for a new warehouse.

Central Transfer & Storage Co., Dallas, Tex., has taken over under lease a \$40,000 three-story brick warehouse at 2639 Elm Street.

City Transfer Co., Inc., Tampa, Fla., is considering building a three-story fire-proof warehouse to cost \$150,000.

Donelson Storage & Transfer Co., Jamestown, N. Y., is building an \$800,-000 warehouse.

Hueneme Wharf & Warehouse Co., Oxnard, Cal., is constructing a \$6,000 citrus packing warehouse, 28 by 261 feet.

Henry L. Kincaide & Co., Quincy, Mass., plans to build a \$30,000 warehouse, two stories high, 122 by 100 feet, in the rear of their present structure at 1495 Hancock Street.

Merchants Cold Storage Co., Charlotte, N. C., is planning to build a \$100,000 cold storage plant at East Third and College Streets.

Montecito Van & Storage Co., Santa Barbara, Cal., is building a concrete reinforced steel construction warehouse adjoining its present plant at 25 East Mason Street, which will more than double the company's storage capacity.

National Cold Storage Co., New York City, has purchased the New Jersey Refrigerating Co., Jersey City, N. J.

O. K. Storage & Transfer Co., Memphis, Tenn., and New Orleans, opened a household goods warehouse in Louisville, Ky., on Feb. 1 and is planning to begin business in Little Rock, Ark.

Pacific Transfer & Storage Co., Silverton, Ore., has changed the name of its Portland truck line from Pacific Transfer Truck Line to Silverton-Portland Truck Line.

Palo Alto Transfer & Storage Co., Palo Alto, Cal., is erecting a \$45,000 reinforced concrete fireproof warehouse, with a floor space about 75 by 40 feet, at High Street and Homer Avenue. This structure will stand four stories high, with basement.

Security Warehouse & Cold Storage Co., San Jose, Cal., is building a three-story reinforced concrete automobile and household goods storage plant on the Southern Pacific right of way between Second and Third Streets, and is mean-while installing a new egg cold storage plant in its North First Street building.

South Florida Cold Storage & Ice Co. is planning to build a \$1,000,000 cold storage and ice plant, 590 by 150 feet, at Hialeah, Fla., and is erecting a \$1,000,000 refrigerating and cold storage building at Miami, Fla.

Trans-Continental Freight Co., with a chain of offices across the country, has opened a St. Louis office at 936-937 New Planters Building, with H. E. Jacobs as manager.

Washington State Poultry and Egg Association is building a \$10,000 waterfront warehouse at Anderson, Wash. sing

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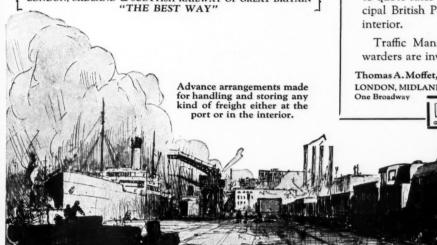
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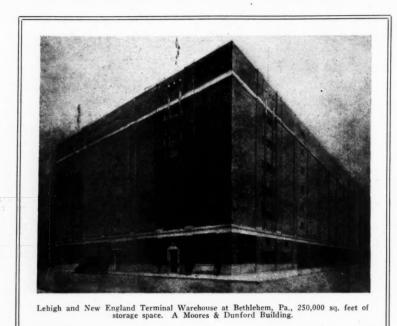
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By the time this is in print, there will have been mailed to the Warehousemen of the country an "Information Sheet" in which are asked many pertinent questions relative to the products they buy.

This information is necessary, properly to compile figures that will disclose the quantity of these products bought and used each year by this industry.

It will, of course, be possible at best, only to estimate the huge totals involved; at the same time, the information has a relative value which should not alone be interesting,

but of practical use to those in the industry, and it will be our pleasure, as the compilers of this information, to publish results of our investigation in a future issue of Distribution & Warehousing,

In order, however, to arrive at even a reasonable estimate in matters of this kind, it is imperative we have the full cooperation of the industry. For this reason we urge all who get this "Questionnaire" to devote the time necessary to fill it out and mail it back to us. The composite picture that results from this c'ata will astonish every one who sees it, from the manufacturer who makes the product to the warehouseman who purchases it.

In this connection we wish to direct your attention to the June issue of Distribution & Warehousing, which will this year be our annual "Material Handling and Equipment Issue."

This issue is now in process of compilation and will contain a concise review of labor saving appliances, etc., used in the warehouse field. Our editor, Kent Stiles, is exhausting his editorial warehouse of ideas, to put into this issue information of practical value to every warehouseman in the country. Needless to say, it will be full and overflowing.

But in addition to anything already planned for this issue, Mr. Stiles wishes me to say that he will be glad to have any warehouseman send him either a photograph or

description, or both, of any labor saving device now being used, which by virtue of usage has proved its worthiness for mention in this issue.

Your contribution to this coming June issue is seriously solicited and will do much toward making it more valuable, as does all such interchange of ideas in our industry work for greater efficiency and a more comprehensive understanding.

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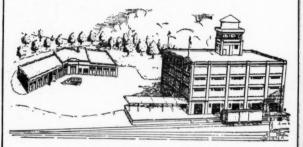
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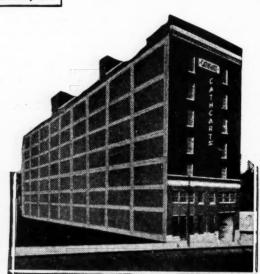
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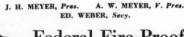
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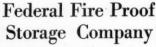
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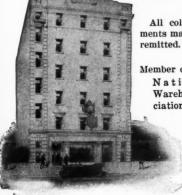
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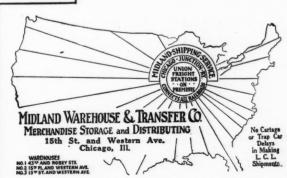
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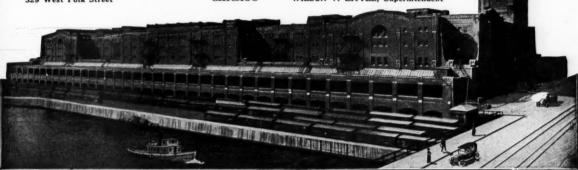
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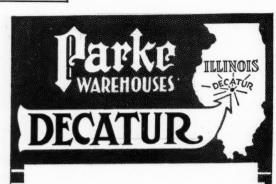
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Alice watched in amazement.

"Change partners," the Gryphon commanded in a loud voice. "Little beans to the right, monsters to the left!"

The noise was so great that she put a finger in each ear and fled. "I don't like the music they dance to," she confessed, when the Gryphon whisked her on the ground floor, where the beans, already separated, were pouring out of chutes into waiting sacks.

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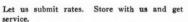
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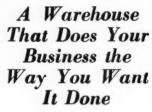
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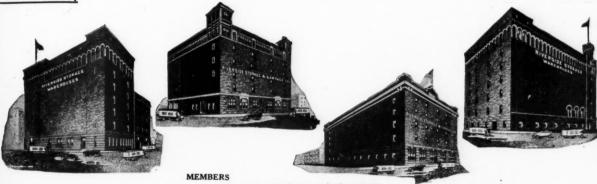
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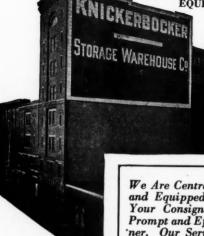
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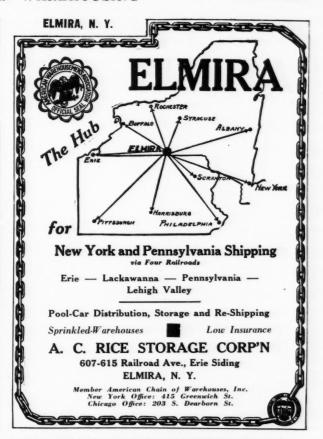
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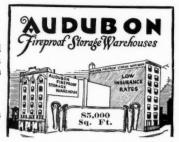
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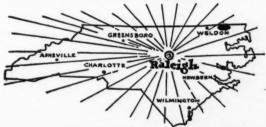
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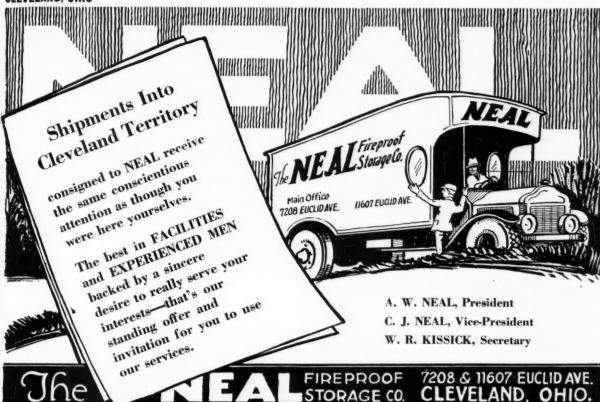
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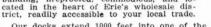
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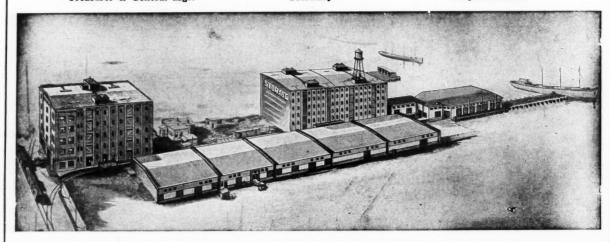
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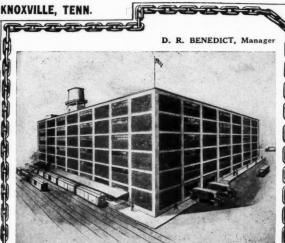
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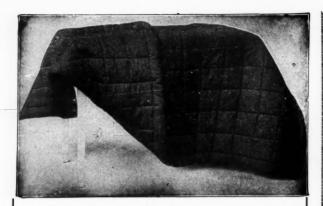
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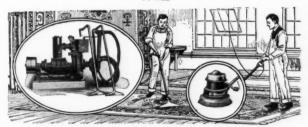
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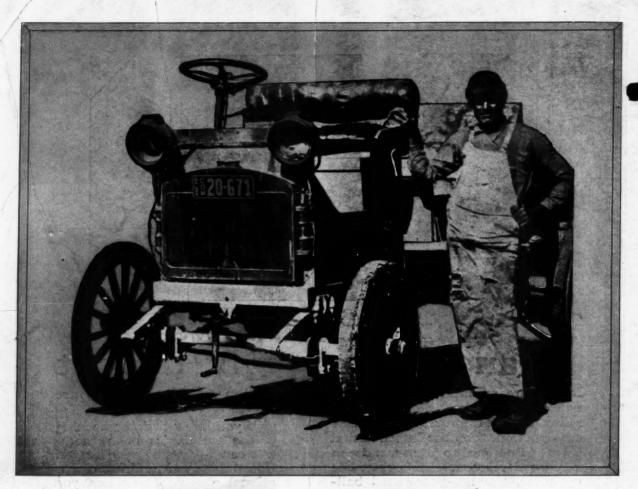
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